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Mother who was attacked now faces new assault from website

EXCLUSIVE

By STEVE KNIGHT

A RAPE victim has been attacked on a website set up to campaign for her assailant's freedom.

Kelvin Bennett, 45, was jailed for 12 years earlier this month when he became the first person to be snared by Kent Police's cold case unit set up to investigate previously unsolved crimes.

His kidnap and repeated rape of a young mother eight years ago in Folkestone went unpunished until he was arrested for a more recent minor offence and a DNA sample provided a match.

The Justice4Kelvin site attempts to convince its visitors Bennett has been jailed for a crime he did not commit, despite the jury at Maidstone Crown Court returning a unanimous guilty verdict.

The anonymous creator of the site goes as far to attack the character of the rape victim.

A video promoting the site has even been posted on YouTube, set to the tune of the Bob Marley hit Redemption Song.

Lin Smith, enhanced services manager for Victim Support Kent, said the last thing a rape victim would need is a constant reminder of the crimes committed against her.

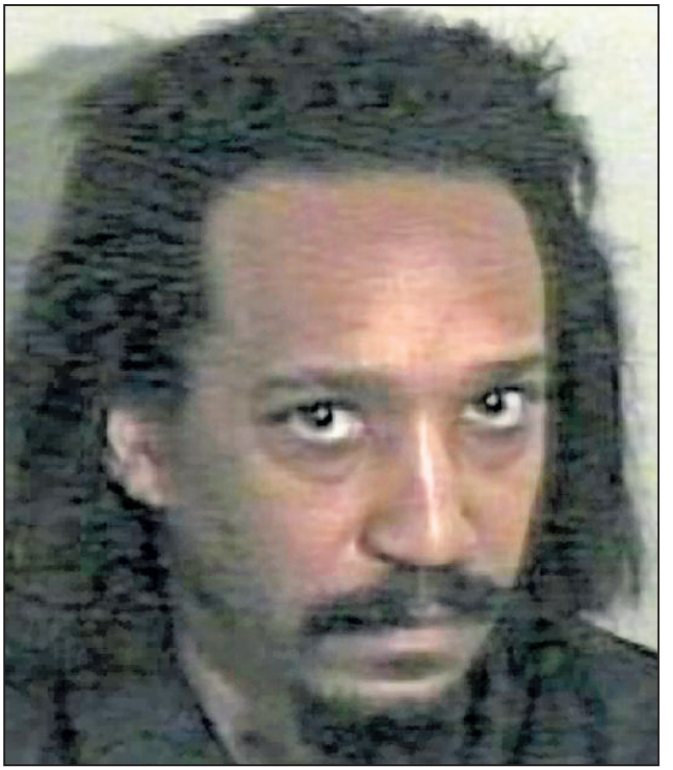
She added: "It's always difficult with rape cases because when they reach court, various things come up that defence solicitors try to turn against the victim to make it appear she was to blame. But that is never the case.

"Victims of rape are understandably traumatised by their ordeal, and it's something they will obviously never forget. Rape can often be much more severe than other crimes.

"It is quite common for victims to be afraid to walk the street where they were attacked, or even to drive their cars nearby."

Bennett, from Birmingham, was found guilty of three counts of rape and one of kidnap after a

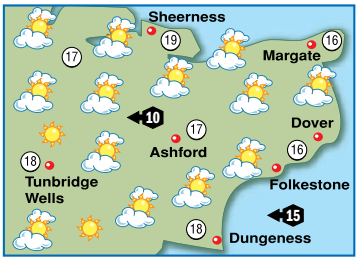
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JAILED: Kelvin Bennett was caught by DNA collected eight years after the attack

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TODAY: After a chilly start in many inland areas, it will be fine with sunny spells through the day. Gentle or moderate easterly winds. Max temp 16-19C (61-66F).
TONIGHT: Dry with some clear spells. Patchy mist will form inland. Across the region, there will be gentle northeasterly winds. Min temp 7-10C (45-50F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	18	64	London	fair	18	64
Belfast	sun	19	66	Liverpool	sun	19	66
Birmingham	cloudy	16	61	Manchester	fair	18	64
B'mouth	fair	18	64	Newcastle	fair	19	66
Bristol	sun	17	63	Norwich	fair	17	63
Cardiff	sun	19	66	Oxford	fair	19	66
Cork	cloudy	16	61	Southsea	sun	18	64
Edinburgh	cloudy	18	64	S'hampton	fair	18	64
Glasgow	cloudy	16	61	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	fair	16	61	Swansea	sun	17	63
Leeds	fair	17	63	Torquay	sun	18	64

Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.40am	Sunset	6.55pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	9.43pm	Moonset	2.52pm	6.55pm to 6.42am

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
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Dover	03.15	6.2	15.36	6.2	04.14	5.9	16.45	5.8
Margate	04.14	4.4	16.35	4.5	05.03	4.2	17.36	4.2
St Mary's	09.11	5.0	21.42	4.8	10.10	4.7	22.54	4.4

Week ahead

monday Rather cloudy max 18C min 11C
tuesday Isolated showers max 17C min 11C
wednesday Cloudy, breezy max 19C min 12C
thursday Sunny spells max 20C min 11C
friday Sunny. Dry max 20C min 10C
saturday Showers, heavy max 19C min 10C

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More vaccinations needed to counter measles outbreak

THERE are fears the county is on the verge of a measles outbreak.

Health chiefs have sent letters to parents of all school-age children in the county to explain the threat heading towards Kent.

Parents are being urged to ensure their children receive the MMR vaccine if they have not done so already, or risk putting them at risk of what is potentially a fatal illness.

Last month the Government urged primary care trusts throughout the country to support its campaign to improve up-take rates of the vaccine, which have fallen to dangerously low levels in the last few years.

About 95 per cent of England's population needs to be vaccinated in order to protect against a widespread outbreak of measles, but uptake rates in Kent are all lower than that figure.

This week's letter to parents – written by Kent Health Protection Unit director Dr Mathi Chandrakumar – warns of a "large outbreak" of the disease in London that started in a secondary school and has since spread to neighbouring schools and nurseries.

It says: "Complications of measles are common and include ear infections, pneumonia, bronchitis, convulsions and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). A rare but fatal complication is a condition known as subacute sclerosing pan-encephalitis.

"Unfortunately there have been two deaths in the United Kingdom since 2006 from measles.

"I would strongly advise that all parents should ensure their children over 12 months of age have been immunised with the MMR vaccine."

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Immunisation rates began to fall following a controversial study published 10 years ago linking MMR with autism.

Although the study has since been widely dismissed, public confidence in the jab has still not been fully restored.

Dr Chandrakumar told Kent on Sunday there had been 23 confirmed cases of measles in Kent between January and September this year, compared to just seven in the same period last year.

Susceptible

He said: "We are starting to see a clear increase in cases as the number of children who are susceptible because they haven't been vaccinated has gone up.

"The MMR uptake rate in Kent has fallen to about 80 per cent, and unless it is 95 per cent then people will be at risk and we will see more cases.

"We have asked all GPs to give the vaccine to all children who have not already received it, but obviously it is the parents' choice.

"We are trying to advise them there is no risk at all that their children might become autistic, but you can understand their anxiety because of all the controversy about it."

In Dr Chandrakumar's letter, he also urges parents to arrange for an MMR jab even if their child has received a single vaccine for measles.

He said this was because the effectiveness of these vaccines "is not assured".

Dr Chandrakumar added: "When the controversy started we were still advising parents the MMR jab was safe, so the NHS was obviously not going to offer a single measles vaccine.

"A number of people set up private clinics and offered it as a result, but a number may not have been properly monitored so we don't know how effective the vaccines were."

Low uptake

Last month KoS revealed how all three of the county's primary care trusts have MMR uptake rates that are lower than the safety barrier of 95 per cent.

Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT spokesman Gary Mcfegan said the percentage of children immunised by their second birthday had fallen from 88 per cent in the final quarter of 2006 to 79 per cent in the final quarter of 2007.

He added: "The Department of Health is very clear that its own experts say parents who have not had their children vaccinated with the MMR vaccine should do so as soon as possible.

"The MMR vaccine take-up rate is not high enough to cancel out the threat of a measles outbreak.

"Measles is a serious illness and in some cases it can be fatal. Delaying immunisation puts children at risk."

Website asks readers to vote in rape poll

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week-long trial early last month.

His victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had wept from behind a screen as she described how she walked home from watching a Sex Pistols tribute band at her local pub with friends.

The jury heard how the woman, now 29, was attacked after pausing briefly to make a telephone call to her boyfriend to tell him she loved him.

She described how she was taken to secluded countryside spots before being raped three times.

Bennett was described as being "in denial" by Judge Phillip Statman at his sentencing on September 3, but his supporters still refuse to accept the guilty verdict.

Among the claims made on the Justice4Kelvin site are that he "failed to remember a one-night stand eight years ago" and that he was "not capable" nor "in need of" raping anybody.

It also criticises the evidence given by witnesses who heard the victim's screams, and makes several disparaging remarks about the victim herself.

One of the website's pages contains a survey asking visitors whether they believe Bennett to be innocent or guilty. On Friday, 249 people had clicked the 'not guilty' option while 80 had chosen 'guilty'.

Det Chief Insp Dave Withers, of Kent Police's cold case unit, said: "We are aware there is a website that has been set up by supporters of Kelvin Bennett.

"However, we cannot take any action in relation to it.

"We presented the best evidence we could to the jury and Bennett had the opportunity to respond during the trial, but the jury unanimously found him guilty of all offences."

An email sent to the website's anonymous creator for comment was not answered.

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Documentary uncovers mystery of guests at christening



Picture: SCREEN ARCHIVE SOUTH EAST

HISTORY: The film shows Queen Elizabeth followed by Lord Mountbatten at the christening of Michael John Knatchbull, inset

Look who's filmed holding the baby

NEVER seen before footage of the Queen and her cousin Lord Mountbatten in Kent has been discovered, and is set to be screened in a new BBC programme.

The film is in the care of Screen Archive South East. It was taken at a christening but its origin remained a mystery until investigators on the BBC show Inside Out solved it.

They discovered when the christening took place, who was involved, and even the man who was the baby at the happy event.

The incredible film was discovered by Leeds BBC TV producer Tony Parker in the boot of a car in Yorkshire as he searched for footage of World War Two.

The only clue as to who it belonged to was labelling with accompanying material which carried the name Dr Victor Don, from Ashford. It was handed to Screen Archive South East, which dated the film 1950, though unusually the footage is in colour.

In addition to Princess Elizabeth, as she was, Lord Mountbatten is seen in the background at Mersham church near Ashford.

Beginning the process of finding out who was who, where and why, Inside Out showed the footage to royal historian Hugo Vickers, who filled in most of the gaps.

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He tells Inside Out presenter Cheryl Baker, who lives in Sevenoaks: "The presence of Lord Mountbatten was a big clue and I also recognised his daughter who was holding the baby, Patricia Brabourne and her husband John Brabourne.

"Obviously Mountbatten was the grandfather and in fact the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, was godmother to the second son Michael John in 1950."

Having established whose christening it was and the date, Inside Out tracked down the baby, now 58-year-old Michael John Knatchbull, son of John Knatchbull the 7th Lord Brabourne, who never knew the film existed.

Of his emotions at seeing the film for the first time, he added: "It makes me feel joyful and a little sad in some ways as well, seeing a lot of people there who are dead now who I was very fond of. Still am."

Michael's grandmother and younger brother were killed in a fishing trip in 1979 with Lord Mountbatten when he was assassinated by the IRA.

Michael says of his grandfather: "I miss him dearly – he was such a wonderful man. Just seeing him now in that film brings back so many fond memories of him."

Dr Victor Don was the Knatchbull family doctor. Coincidentally, before he died John Brabourne became Patron of the Screen Archive South East, where Dr Don's film is now stored.

• Inside Out will be shown on BBC One at 7.30pm on Wednesday, September 24. Is is also available on BBC iPlayer.

Economist: prices could keep rising

HIGHER inflation may lead to pressures to put up wages and to even raise prices, warned the Bank of England's chief economist.

Spencer Dale, a member of the group that sets interest rates every month, also said the housing market slump poses a threat to consumer spending – which would not be good for the overall economy.

Speaking at a Dover Chamber of Commerce meeting, he said inflation expectations of households and firms were "difficult to assess" and their relationship with wages and prices "imprecise".

Mr Dale added: "I remain alert to the possibility that the current period of high inflation may cause inflation expectations to become less firmly anchored."

Cash machine ram raider sent to jail

A MAN who stole two cash machines and metal cabling has been sentenced to six years in prison by Maidstone Crown Court.

Henry Dunn, 26, from Barnfield Park Caravan Site in Sevenoaks, pleaded guilty to three instances of theft and burglary at an earlier hearing on July 11.

He admitted to stealing a cash machine from BP Tollgate Service Station in Gravesend on October 19, 2006, using a stolen 4x4 to remove it.

Dunn also caused £140,000 of damage using a mechanical digger to remove a cash machine from Nationwide Building Society at Longfield on August 1, 2007.

Sailors' silver visit

DOUBLE Olympic silver medallist Nick Rogers will be taking time out to inspire the next generation of sailors.

Rogers, 31, won sailing silver for Great Britain in the 470 Class with team mate Joe Glanfield in both 2004 and 2008.

He will be appearing at Bewl Water, near Lamberhurst, on Saturday, September 27, to encourage more than 100 young sailors taking part in the RYA Volvo South East Zone Championships being staged at the Bewl Valley Yacht Club.

Building on experience

THE Construction Expo 2008 show this week will bring together some of the country's best developers, planners, training providers and more for a day of information, idea-sharing and demonstrations.

The show – organised by KOS Media with the North Kent Construction Skills Project – will feature a speech from design entrepreneur Wayne Hemingway. As one of a number of guest speakers at the event at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, this Wednesday, he will discuss the situation in the housing industry and how he thinks it should change.

The expo, which runs from 8am-4pm, is free. In the main exhibition area, modern building techniques will be demonstrated. Interactive demonstrations will be on hand, and there will be a chance to see a security system using Bluetooth technology, and various rescue methods from construction sites.

Sittingbourne-based Denne Construction will also host its own mini-expo, aimed at schools, next to the main exhibition area.

Construction Expo 2008 will conclude with a champagne reception and guided tour of the Rochester Riverside development, on board the Kingswear Castle paddle steamer.

• For more about the show call Liz Hare on 01303 817172 or email liz.hare@constructionexpo.co.uk. For fast-track entry visit the website www.constructionexpo.co.uk.



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Hospital clean-up as C diff outbreak takes patient's life

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A COMMUNITY hospital in Dartford has been closed for deep cleaning after a superbug outbreak left one patient dead.

The 30-bed Livingstone Hospital, which specialises in rehabilitative care for the elderly, reported three cases of Clostridium difficile (C diff) in August and a further four in September.

KOS Media has been running a hand hygiene campaign to help reduce the number of superbug deaths, and Kent Health Protection Unit director Dr Mathi Chandrakumar has used this latest case to highlight the "great importance" of people washing their hands before and after visiting patients.

A spokesman for NHS West Kent said the hospital was closed as a precautionary measure until infection control procedures – including the deep clean – are carried out.

Chief executive Steve Phoenix said: "As of today there are no new cases of active infection at the Livingstone and we are working towards being able to reopen the hospital once extensive deep cleaning has been completed.

"I am disappointed we have this infection at the Livingstone, which has had a very good record of providing excellent care.

"I would like to reassure the public that the staff have been working very hard to stop the infection spreading, and their sustained efforts will continue.

"We are working closely with both our infection control team and our colleagues from the Kent Health Protection Unit."

C diff is carried harmlessly by one in three of the population and can become a problem when the gut's natural defences are weakened by antibiotics.

It causes diarrhoea, which can pose a significant risk to elderly or frail patients.

Dr Chandrakumar said: "My team have held meetings with staff at Livingstone Hospital and I am satisfied the necessary measures have been implemented.

"We are continuing to monitor the situation and to support NHS West Kent in the work they are doing. I would like to remind everyone of the great importance of washing their hands before and after visiting hospitals."

Of the seven patients who contracted C diff at the hospital, a further two also died.

However, post-mortem examinations concluded their deaths were due to other non-related causes.

Meanwhile, the number of cases of another hospital superbug – MRSA – has fallen significantly throughout Kent.

According to NHS South East Coast, three out of four hospital trusts it oversees in the county have beaten the Government's target of a 50 per cent reduction.

Only Medway, with a reduction of 40 per cent from 10 MRSA cases between April and June, 2006, to six between April and June, 2008, failed.

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust recorded the biggest reduction of 67 per cent while Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells saw a drop of 79 per cent and East Kent Hospitals 55 per cent.

NHS South East Coast chief executive Candy Morris said: "MRSA is being tackled strongly across the region, and the risk of infection is now much lower.

"Patients can know that, when they visit our hospitals, their chances of contracting MRSA are far lower than they have been and that all staff are working hard to eradicate avoidable infections altogether.

"I would like to thank the dedicated teams of doctors, nurses, cleaners and all those working in our hospitals for their commitment, hard work and vigilance in tackling what was a serious problem."

Despite the good news, a leading microbiologist warned this week that patients were now at risk of a new superbug.

Professor Hugh Pennington said the PVL (Panton-Valentine leukocidin) infection is capable of killing previously healthy youngsters within 48 hours.

The bacteria, which attack the body by destroying white blood cells in the immune system, can combine with MRSA to become even more deadly. Cases of the bug have more than doubled nationally in recent years, from 224 in 2005 to 496 in 2006.



PROBLEM: Livingstone Hospital specialises in rehabilitative care of the elderly

Tunnel fire stacks up delays on roads

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect frequent delays over the coming weeks as Operation Stack is regularly implemented.

Last Thursday's Channel Tunnel fire has greatly reduced the number of HGVs able to leave the country at once, so part of the M20 will need to be used as a large lorry park.

Police say they are working with partner agencies around the clock to monitor demand by freight hauliers for cross-Channel services, and Eurotunnel, the Port of Dover and ferry operators are attempting to provide as much capacity as possible.

But the tunnel fire means its overall capacity is likely to be reduced for some time.

Last weekend the Highways Agency introduced its Quick Moveable Barrier System onto the M20, and this will remain in place for the time being.

The barrier creates a contra-flow system on what would normally be used as the London-bound carriageway between junctions 12 (Cheriton) and 11 (Hythe).

This allows one lane of traffic to flow coast-bound and two in the opposite direction.

When Stack is not in place, this section of the M20's coast-bound carriageway is used as normal by traffic.

However, if police decide to implement Stack, this carriageway is used to queue and release up to 750 lorries for Continental services. Many cars then head onto the A20, causing hold ups and tailbacks on that road.

Problems created as a result of the fire have renewed calls from the police and Kent County Council for a new lorry park in the county.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "From this force's repeated experience of having to run Operation Stack, it is abundantly clear an alternative permanent solution must be found eventually."

Meanwhile, Eurostar has announced an increase in available tickets for some services running from tomorrow until Thursday.

However, the train service remains restricted, with extended journey lengths and longer waiting times at stations.

Mobility scooter catches driver

A BIZARRE car chase through a multi-storey car park ended with a Shopmobility scooter blocking the getaway of a driver who had hit another vehicle.

Security guard James Stevens put his foot to the floor to gain the scooter's maximum speed of four mph as he headed off the escape of a motorist who had caused £1,300 of damage to a parked Ford Fiesta.

He used his knowledge of the intricate passageways in the car park of The Mall, Maidstone, to catch the car – which had tried to escape the pursuing invalid scooter by dodging from floor to floor.

The chase went up three storeys to level six before the scooter was manoeuvred directly into the fleeing car's path.

"My mates have all had a bit of a laugh about the whole thing," said Mr Stevens. "But I was doing what I'm paid to do."

Details of the incident are now with insurers. The police were not involved.

Mr Stevens was at the wheel of the scooter because he was bringing it back after a shopper had used it to tour local stores and then to get to back to their car. It is part of a four vehicle fleet owned by The Mall and available to those who need them at a cost of £3.

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Renowned photographer bequeaths his life's work to be shown in museum

Ray's life through a lens

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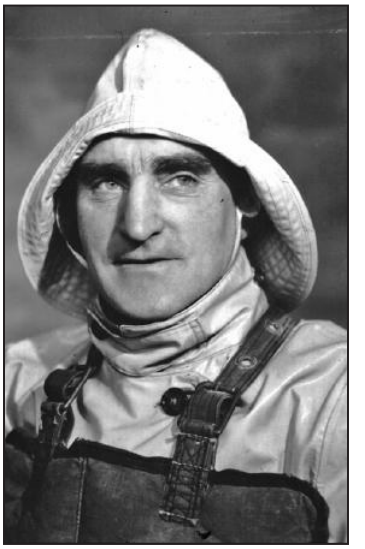
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FRAMED: Ray (below left) captures the Texaco Caribbean sinking off Dover 1971 and PM Harold Wilson arriving in Dover in 1964







AHOY THERE: Warner's picture of John Walker, coxswain of Dover Lifeboat in 1956

AN EXHIBITION is being staged to remember one of Dover's best-known photographers.

Dover Museum is putting on the show to mark the life of Ray Warner.

Included is a unique collection of images capturing life in Dover from the 50s to 70s taken by Mr Warner.

This new Stairwell Exhibition is now open and runs until October 19.

Mr Warner was a professional, commercial and news photographer who was based in Townwall Street from 1939 until 1977.

He was also the maker of the annual Dover Film from 1947 until his death in 1989. The short film marked different aspects of life in the town.

Mr Warner was also a keen participant in amateur dramatics and the exhibition includes many of his original studio display prints of people and events in Dover and excerpts of his original 16mm Dover films, presented on a touch-screen console.

He photographed everything from wrecks in the English Channel to bulldogs in the studio, from famous visitors to a range of local events and people.

The collection was bequeathed to Dover Museum by Mr Warner himself and covers a huge range of subjects, giving a unique snapshot of life in the town from half a century ago.

Professional

Ray Warner was born in Folkestone in 1914. He worked for the well-known photographers Lambert Weston and Son at their office in Folkestone.

He moved to the Bench Street, Dover, office in 1938, which had been founded by Lambert Weston in 1856.

Employee Dorothy Sherwood bought the company in 1922, trading under her own name and Lambert's until she sold up in 1939.

The buyer was Mr Warner, and it was the start of a new era. He also operated under the Lambert Weston name until 1959 when the name was finally dropped.

Mr Warner had mothballed the business shortly after acquiring it so he could serve as as an RAF photographer in World War Two.

He was also interested in cinematography and his new studios at 42 Townwall Street contained a film studio and viewing cinema.

From 1947 he began to film local events and happenings on professional 16mm stock, which he compiled into an annual film shown at the Dover Film Festival.

He produced this every year and gave a private showing each year to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother after she became Lord Warden in 1979.

Assistant museum curator Mark Frost said: "This unique collection is a fascinating insight into life in Dover all those years ago.

"It is a real tribute to the talent of Ray Warner and a life behind the camera lens. He photographed every subject from famous visitors like Harold Wilson to local people and events. Ray retired in 1977, but continued to make his annual Dover Film right up to his death on December 15, 1989.

"This remarkable archive of local footage, compiled by Ray over 40 years, was bequeathed to Dover Museum in his will and we are delighted to be able to host this fascinating retrospective of his work."

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‘Hero’ therapist locked up for sex abuse of patients

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A HYPNOTHERAPIST who posed as a decorated war hero has received a five-year jail sentence after sexually assaulting his female clients.

Stephen Dyer, 50, of Dover Road, Folkestone, initially denied the seven counts of sexual assault but was found guilty at Canterbury Crown Court on Thursday.

He was also given a Sexual Offenders Prevention Order that stops him from being able to work as a hypnotherapist, psychotherapist or counsellor, and must sign onto the sex offenders register for life.

Dyer was originally arrested on January 31 last year after police received a report he had sexually assaulted a woman in her 20s who had gone to him for treatment at his offices in Hawkes Lane, Canterbury.



LIAR: Stephen Dyer claimed to be a former major in the Royal Marines

The allegation sparked an investigation by officers in the Public Protection Unit who began to uncover a series of offences.

The investigation uncovered the fact Dyer had told his clients he was a former major in the Royal Marines who had received the Military Cross for bravery in the Falklands War.

Det Insp Andy Somerville said: “He told his victims – vulnerable young women who had come to him for help – that he also counselled soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder after the Falklands War.

“He used the lies to intimidate. He was saying ‘I’m a decorated war hero so it’s no use you going to the police – don’t try and push this too far’.”

Police also praised the brave victims and have appealed for anyone else who thinks they may have been a victim to come forward

Following the case Det Sgt Emma Atkins said: “Stephen Dyer is a calculating man who preyed on women’s vulnerabilities for his own sexual gratification.

“He used his training as a hypnotherapist and psychotherapist to groom his clients, gain their confidence and abuse their trust in the worst possible way.

“We only hope those who have suffered at his hands can now find the help they deserve, although for some the road to recovery will be difficult as they and their families will have to learn to trust another therapist.”

Police work to recruit minorities wins praise

KENT Police have been shortlisted for an award recognising the force’s work to recruit ethnic minority police officers.

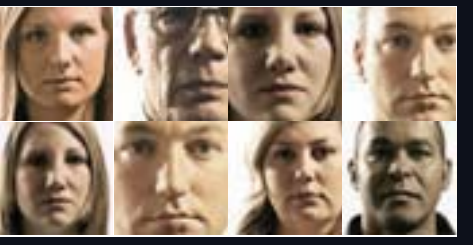
Kent Police has been shortlisted in the Diversity in the Workplace category in the awards run by Personnel Today magazine.

The nomination came after Inspector Sonia Lassnig from Kent Police’s Diversity Support Team put forward an entry statement outlining the challenges facing the force in taking positive action to recruit ethnic minority officers and the initiatives introduced to help tackle those challenges.

She said: “Research showed that we needed to dispel misconceptions about police work within certain minority ethnic groups so a career in Kent Police would be recognised and respected by potential applicants and their wider families.”

The recognition comes after a black Kent detective, Det Sgt Wendell Henry, claimed in July that there was “widespread” racism in the county’s force.

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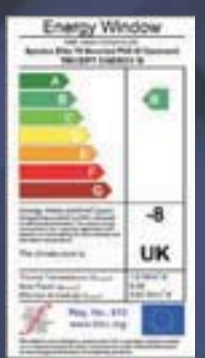
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Festival gets Ab Fab June at last minute

By **ERICA JONES**

ABSOLUTELY Fabulous star June Whitfield has joined the line-up for this year's Canterbury Festival.

The British comedy star will be talking about her life and work as one of television's best-loved personalities.

Over the course of her 50-year career, Whitfield has worked with some of the biggest names in the world of entertainment including Tony Hancock, Tommy Cooper and Morecambe and Wise.

She went on to play Terry Scott's wife in the long-running BBC sitcom Terry and June, before winning over a whole new generation of fans as one of the stars of Absolutely Fabulous.

The show became one of the biggest hits of the 1990s, and Whitfield described her role as Jennifer Saunder's mother as a "shot in the arm" to her career.

She is currently on our screens in BBC's Last of the Summer Wine.

Whitfield will be appearing on Tueday, October 14, as part of the festival's talks series, replacing rocker Suzi Quatro.

There are more than 200 events scheduled for the two-week festival, with more than 70,000 people expected to join in the fun.

Festival organisers say they are determined to make this year's event appeal to the widest possible audience – with performances as diverse as a potted play of the seven Harry Potter books in just 70 minutes, to the world premiere of a specially commissioned production to be staged in Canterbury Cathedral.

Kicking off with a colourful carnival through the streets on October 11, the events will include comedy from well-known faces, classical recitals and appearances from musical stars such as Jose Gonzalez and the legendary Mick Fleetwood.

Among the highlights will be a five-night run of A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Footsbarn Theatre Company.

Staged in a 400-seater, heated tent on the playing field of the Kingsmead Primary School, it is set to be one of the most sought-after tickets.

The cathedral will again host a showcase drama performance, providing the imposing setting for the world premiere of Dallas Sweetman, a specially commissioned work by Sebastian Barry.

Comedy fans will have much to raise a smile about too, with the likes of Sandi Toksvig, Michael McIntyre, Andy Hamilton and Ed Byrne all taking to stages in and around the city.



A STAR TURN: June Whitfield

Crime writer Ruth Rendell, historian David Starkey and Poet Laureate Andrew Motion will also be coming to the city for a series of talks at the International Study Centre in the Cathedral Precincts.

There's also the chance to make a special case for your favourite from the shortlist for the Man Booker Prize – the UK's most prestigious fiction award.

To mark the 40th anniversary of the prize, six local writers will champion the six contenders with special book clubs set up to read all the volumes – and push for one to win the award.

The verdict from the Canterbury panel will be made just before a live link-up with the Booker Prize night ceremony for literary fans to watch how their decision compared with that of the panel of expert judges.

- For the full list of events, log-on to www.canterburyfestival.co.uk. And don't forget; if you attend events during the run between October 11-25 then make sure you upload your mobile phone clips of the events on our free, broadband TV website, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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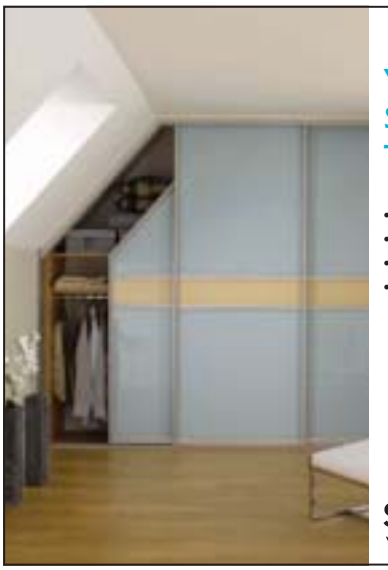


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Reward on offer to help track down shop raiders

A £10,000 reward has been offered for information in the hunt for the masked men who carried out an armed robbery.

The incident took place at the One Stop shop in Rusthall High Street, near Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, September 11.

Two men wearing crash helmets threatened a security guard with a handgun and stole cash boxes from him as a delivery for the cash machine was being made at about 11am.

They then ran from the shop and drove away in a grey Ford Escort van. It was later found abandoned and set alight in a car park near the Spa Hotel.

The hefty reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction is now being offered by the owner of the cash machine.

Det Insp John Phillips said: "I hope the substantial reward that has been offered will encourage people to come forward.

"Fortunately no-one was hurt during the incident, but we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that there were customers and staff in the shop and this was a very frightening experience for them. It is important that we arrest the people responsible."

Crash helmets

Both robbers were wearing dark clothing and crash helmets to hide their faces. One of the men is white, in his 20s, about 5ft 6in and was wearing a dark woollen hat.

Police believe he may have been in the Mount Ephraim area after 11.20am.

Officers have also made appeals for information about the getaway vehicle.

DI Phillips said: "I am very keen to get more information about the grey Escort van, registration T659 JOA, used during the incident. I want to focus on where this van has been in the two weeks leading up to the robbery – did you see it in the area?"

Anyone with information can call police on 01732 379219, Kent CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111, or email appeals.westkent@kent.pnn.police.uk.

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Invicta FM name swap to beat BBC

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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INVICTA FM is to undergo the biggest transformation in its 24-year history after confirming the radio station is to change its name.

As part of a major overhaul by owner Global Radio, Kent's biggest commercial radio station will become known as Heart.

It joins 30 other stations across the UK going through a multi-million pound rebrand in a move designed to make it easier to sell more advertising and attract more listeners.

The changeover will take place over the next 12-18 months, with DJs increasingly referring to Invicta as the 'heart of Kent' before the new name is made permanent.

Bosses say the station will maintain "all" existing local programmes, presented by local DJs, amid fears there would be more nationwide networked shows shared by all the Heart stations up and down the country.

Neil Webster, managing director of Invicta FM and Gold said: "This development is important for the future strength of Invicta FM.

"Commercial radio is consolidating to ensure it is a strong competitor to the BBC, and we will continue to provide our listeners and advertisers with a first-rate local station, supported by the largest owner of commercial radio in Britain.

"The change to Heart will be progressive, and we will take our listeners and advertisers with us throughout this process."

When asked whether he expected a backlash from listeners who would be sorry to see the Invicta name disappear, Mr Webster replied: "To be honest, I don't know."

He added: "It's a big decision to make as we are the biggest player in commercial radio in Kent. But Heart is a successful brand so we're going to be part of a big radio network.

"We're not going to lose the localness and we hope over time the listeners will see the station as being their heart of Kent.

"The name Invicta is iconic and the station is one of the most successful businesses in the country.

"I've been involved in radio for a long time and it's hugely powerful and envied across the country.

"But there's no reason why we can't be massive as Heart as well."

Invicta FM launched in 1984 from studios in Station Road East, Canterbury. Originally called Invicta Sound, it then was renamed Invicta Radio before switching to Invicta FM.

In 1991, it switched from Canterbury to studios on the John Wilson Industrial Estate in Chestfield, Whitstable.

Well-known personalities who once called Invicta home include Radio 1's Pete Tong and tabloid talkshow host Jeremy Kyle.

heart

Initiated by Global Radio's chief executive Ashley Tabor, the plan is to simplify its seven core brands to make it a more attractive proposition to advertisers.

Invicta FM is currently part of a group of stations sold to advertisers as the One Network; the bulk of which will also now assume the Heart moniker.

Other brands in the stable are: LBC, Galaxy and Choice, Classic FM, Gold AM, Xfm and the Hit Music Network.

Quoted in industry title Media Week, Mr Tabor explained: "Advertisers know what they are buying when they get Heart.

"Most clients don't know what buying the One Network means… [the stations are] a rag-bag collection of local stations and clients need the message to be simplified."





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Dunkirk vet reunited with wartime saviour





HEROINE: Frank Barton (far right) was one of the many troops saved by the Medway Queen (right) during the evacuation of Dunkirk during WWII

REMNANTS of the Medway Queen will be visited by a war hero for the first time since it rescued him from Dunkirk 68 years ago.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

When Frank Barton attends the Salute to the '40s event at Chatham's Historic Dockyard this weekend, it will be the first time he will have seen any part of the historic paddle steamer since it saved his life back in 1940.

The 89-year-old, from Newbury in Berkshire, will be accompanied on Sunday by daughter Pat Ash and will be the Medway Queen Preservation Society's guest of honour. He will also be named an honorary life member of the society.

Mr Barton said: "The Medway Queen saved our lives and it opened up a new chapter for many of us.

"It allowed us to carry on fighting in the war and later we were able to get married and have children. If it hadn't been for that boat we would have been taken prisoner, if we weren't all killed first.

"I think it's wonderful that it is being rebuilt because nobody else is doing anything like that. We're losing all our history really. We've kept a few planes from the war, but not much else.

"It's a great honour to be named an honorary member and I'm thrilled about it. It's just a shame I won't be able to easily visit the Medway Queen when it comes back to Chatham."

Mr Barton was an airman with the 4th Army Co-operative Squadron of the Royal Air Force when its French base was destroyed by German fighter pilots.

He and his brave colleagues had little choice but to join the troops ducking from village to village en route to Dunkirk, where they hoped to be picked up by vessels from home. When they eventually reached the war-torn city, they were ordered to climb aboard the waiting Medway Queen as quickly as possible.

Despite spinning out of control after hitting a mud bank, as well as being constantly shot at from the sky, the vessel escaped and made its way safely back to England.

The rescue mission was one of a record seven completed during the war by the Medway Queen, which also shot down three enemy aircraft and was later awarded four awards for gallantry. It was also given the title the Heroine of Dunkirk.

However, after being taken out of service in 1963 she narrowly avoided being scrapped and has sunk twice since.

Preservation society spokesman Brian Goodhew said: "Showing Frank the Medway Queen has proved to be a problem as the paddle steamer is in storage ready for the re-building of the hull in Bristol.

"But for the two days of the 1940s celebrations we will have our exhibition and memorabilia stand alongside the restored funnel and giant ornate paddle-boxes.

"Frank will be our guest of honour and we will make sure he enjoys himself."

Open between 10am and 6pm both days, the Salute to the 40s event showcases life in Kent during the war years.

A wide range of attractions will be available for visitors to enjoy at the dockyard, including displays of a house with an Anderson shelter and a kitchen containing typical rationed items of the day.

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You don't have to be mad to work here, but it helps

By CHRIS MURPHY
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A VICAR who grew up in Bexley has admitted he is a war and death junkie as he takes on the world's most dangerous parish – in Baghdad.

Canon Andrew White was told because he suffers from multiple sclerosis he is too ill to run a parish in England – though that hasn't stopped him ministering to parishioners in Iraq.

The disease will eventually kill him, and already he has trouble walking and talking. But he admits he would not trade places after helping to negotiate the release of 32 hostages from extremists in the wartorn region.

But he still feels enormous remorse for the loss of dozens of others who were executed rather than released.

Mr White leaves his wife Caroline and two young sons behind when he runs St George's Memorial Church in the Iraqi capital.

He told presenter Michael Buerk on Radio 4's The Choice programme that he has 35 armed guards when he moves around and would be bored if he worked in London. He has a price on his life and had guns held to his head.

Mr White, 44, admits he is "mad" to do the job, adding that he is the only one who could do it as he never feels fear.

He said: "It's a nightmare just getting around. If we leave the international zone then the whole security becomes a completely difference issue.

"They close down roads, they meet us with Iraqi soldiers, they shoot at people as we go down the road, and I say to them 'please don't shoot anybody on my way church' and they say 'don't worry, we'll shoot them on the way back'."

Asked why he does it, he said: "I'm mad. Normal people wouldn't do this. I am not very normal. I don't know anybody else who could do this."

He said he grew up in the "suburbs of Kent" with a sister who was anorexic and a brother who killed himself by jumping from a cliff when he ill with MS.

He also trained as an anaesthetist before going into the Church and specialising in the Middle East. He met his wife when he was a curate in Battersea and

MS suffering canon takes word of God on to streets of Baghdad



FEARLESS: Canon Andrew White

six weeks later he proposed. He disapproved of the Saddam Hussein regime and welcomed its overthrow.

Now there are more problems, especially with the kidnap of foreigners.

Mr White said he learned about kidnap negotiations from an MI6 officer. He added: "The fact people were being kidnapped and I knew something about hostage relations, and there is often a major religious dimension to these issues, meant I got involved.

"I remember one incident of being in a room with various bits of chopped off fingers and toes. I was a bit worried. The parts were quite fresh. I thought they were going to chop my fingers and toes off. I have to confess, I have never been afraid. It is very dangerous in this kind of work to be scared. I don't really have the concept of fear.

"I don't like it very much when guns are held to your head, but I'm not really scared. My love for the Iraqi people keeps me doing."

He said he was a friend of Margaret Hussein, the kidnapped human rights worker who was executed, and he also worked on the vain release of civil engineer Ken Bigley.

Mr White said: "When the news came though about what had happened to them I admit I cried.

"But it wasn't just them – it was many other people as well. Of the 130-something cases we have worked on, we have only got back alive probably about 32 people.

"I feel very upset about it. There have been times when we have arranged for large amounts of money to be handed over.

"You are vulnerable. You do wonder if they are going to take you. If you don't think about that, then you are crazy. There is always a risk. My focus is always on getting the people back. I don't think anyone else could do it.

"There is literally no-one else I know who would do it – you need the long-term relationship I have with these people and you need the religion. You need to have been around before the war."

He added: "I have often said to my wife 'wouldn't it be nice to have a little country parish somewhere' and she has said to me 'they couldn't cope with you and you couldn't cope with them'. And that is probably true."

Asked if he has become a war and death junkie, the founder of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East, in London, said: "Yes. I have to face a reality that when I have threats, when there are bombs going off and rockets, it doesn't worry me in the slightest."



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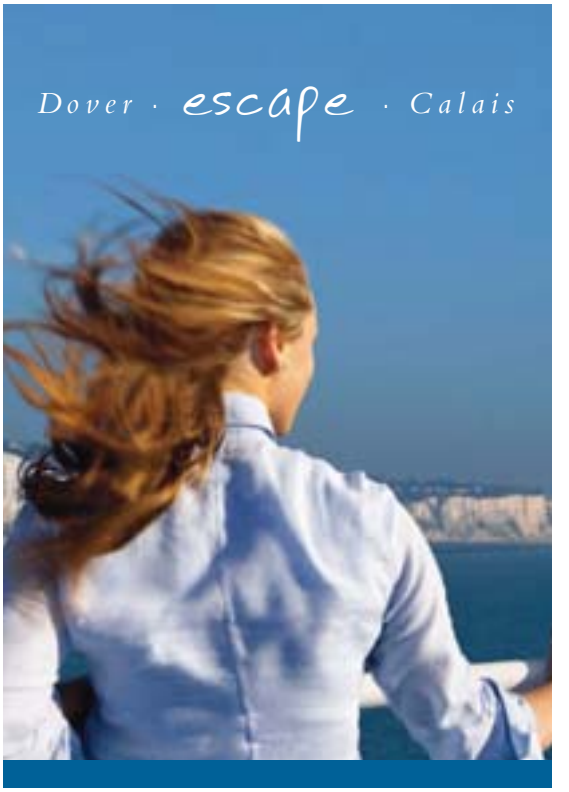
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Palace needs to go public

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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THE Archbishop's Palace at Charing is a step closer to being restored after its owner offered to sell the historic building.

Featured on the BBC's Restoration series in 2004, the 13th century building will only be eligible for charity funding if it becomes publicly owned. For that to happen, the parish council have to raise about £1 million.

Chairman Tylden Reed broke the news to parishioners at a meeting on Thursday and appealed to them for help.

He said: "We are looking for a fairy godmother. We know there are a lot of people out there who can help us, and we would love to show them around and get them interested."

The Archbishop's Palace at Charing is one of 17 in Kent that served archbishops travelling between Canterbury and London during the 13th and 14th centuries.

Both Henry VII and Henry VIII were said to have stayed there before it was seized by the Crown after the dissolution in 1545. It was then leased to farmers, who allowed the palace to fall into a state of near ruin with few repairs having ever taken place.

The current owner's family purchased the complex in the 1950s, and today its buildings are listed by English Heritage as Grade-I and as scheduled ancient monuments.

Mr Reed said: "One of the walls in the Great Hall has large cracks in it and has been held up by scaffolding for 15 years. Something needs to be done quickly but the complex needs to be purchased first.



RESTORATION: £1m is needed in order to try and save the Archbishop's Palace

"English Heritage has all but confirmed it will fund the £70,000 to £100,000 needed to repair the wall, but it cannot provide it while the palace is privately-owned."

The original plan was for the Traditional Building Preservation Trust to purchase the palace, but its owner withdrew her offer to sell when the group was unable to capitalise on publicity gained from the Restoration programme. Donations made, which total more than £10,000, will be transferred to the parish council.

The council is to set up a trust to steer the renovation and search for funds, and is looking for specialists in areas such as surveying, archaeology and law.

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LITERARY: Susie Dent, Russell Kane and Kate Adey are among the many talented people due to appear in Folkestone

Book in for festival

MAUREEN Lipman, Denis Norden and Will Self are among the star names booked to appear at this year's Folkestone Literary Festival.

The programme, which runs from November 1-9, also features a wide range of topics including sport, cookery, history, travel, politics and nature.

Authors taking part include Joanna Trollope, Ffion Hague, David Starkey, Mary Berry, Kate Adie and Susie Dent.

John Bird, the founder of the Big Issue will be talking about his book, Change Your Life, 10 Steps to Get What you Want, Stephen Robinson will be discussing The Remarkable Lives of Bill Deedes, and Quentin Letts, political sketchwriter for the Daily Mail will be talking about his book, 50 People Who Buggered-Up Britain.

By **NICK AMES**
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Events during the festival, which is run by the Folkestone Creative Foundation, include a stand-up comedy evening; a 1940s themed party – The Blitz Ball, puppet theatre for children; manga comic workshops for young adults and a performance entitled Thousand Voices.

This will feature a procession of singers in the town to mark the 90th anniversary of the end of World War One.

Festivals manager Roberta Spicer said, "We're looking forward to a fantastic festival. The event has attracted some great performers, from Maureen Lipman who will be talking about her new book, Past-it Notes, to Les Scott, famed for his essential book on football, End to End Stuff and acclaimed comedian Russell Kane – fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe – who will present his new play Fakespeare.

"Events will take place at venues around the town including Folkestone Academy, University Centre Folkestone, the Leas Club and the Leas Cliff Hall."

See www.folkestonelitfest.co.uk.

Uncharitably good weather

PLANS to smash the world kite flying record at Leeds Castle last weekend were thwarted – by good weather.

Clear skies and no wind meant the plans to get 1,000 kites airborne were unable to be fulfilled. To meet Guinness Book of Records criteria they would have to have flown for 30 seconds – and all at the same time.

This proved impossible so children's charity CHICKS was unable to beat the standing record of 674, set in New Jersey, America, eight years ago.

The organisation County Holidays for Inner City Kids (CHICKS) focuses on children who have difficult home lives.

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Revving up for dogs

ANIMAL loving motorcyclists are taking a special ride this weekend to raise funds for the Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust.

The bikers go under the name of Kent Pet Run Org and the event on Sunday will help the centre which re-homes greyhounds at the end of their racing careers.

There are two meeting places for any bikers interested to gather, firstly in the lay-by opposite the Oakdene Cafe in Wrotham for an 11am departure to ride to the main meeting place at 'Stop 24' by J11 of the M20 at Stanford.

Departure from there will be noon.

For details see www.geocities.com/kentpetrun.



Picture: IAN RUTHERFORD

HONOURED: Normally based at Howe Barracks, 5 Scots have been serving in Afghanistan since March

Returning soldiers to be made freemen

SOLDIERS from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) will be granted the freedom of the city of Canterbury when they return from their combat tour in Afghanistan.

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Hundreds of soldiers from the battalion will celebrate the award with a parade on Sunday, December 7 through the city, where they are based at Howe Barracks.

They will join a select group of people to have received the historic honour, including the Prince of Wales, Lord Carey of Clifton, who was Archbishop of Canterbury until 2002, and former Beirut hostage Terry Waite.

Speaking from Helmand Province in Afghanistan, Captain Stevie Rae, spokesman for 5 Scots, said the battalion was delighted.

"In our time here the people of Canterbury have made us feel extremely welcome and we look forward to being able to build further relationships with the community," he said.

Capt Rae said the parade would be made up of the battalion's five troop companies, accompanied by pipes and drums and led by the regimental mascot Cruchan III, a Shetland pony.

"About 550 soldiers will march through the town with fixed bayonets, colours flying and the pipes and drums playing. It will be a special day for all concerned and indeed history in the making."

After a medal parade at Howe Barracks in the morning, the march through Canterbury will take place in the afternoon, followed by a service at Canterbury Cathedral and an 'all-ranks ceilidh' that night.

Capt Rae said the troops had been inundated by parcels and letters from well-wishers.

"The show of support we have seen from the people of Canterbury, Kent and indeed the wider area has been tremendous, the amount of welfare parcels and letters we have received has taken us all by surprise."

A spokesman for Canterbury City Council said councillors were due to vote in support of the freedom parade at a meeting on November 27.

As of 1430, traditional privileges freemen are entitled to include being "free of childwite, earesgeue and brudtol and of scot-ale, by charter".

Childwite was a fine payable by a man or lord for making one of his 'bond-women' – female slaves – pregnant. Earesgeue is thought to have been a New Year's gift paid to the city sheriff, 'brudtol' was a marital tax and 'scot-ale' was a drinking festival towards which people were forced to pay by the lord of the manor or his bailiff.

The Argylls are due to return to the UK this and next month. They were sent to Afghanistan in March.

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Celebrating Warhol's TV

By TOM SHELDRICK
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A TELEVISION owned by superstar artist Andy Warhol turned up at a second-hand shop in Kent – and the buyer is putting on a display to celebrate its journey.

Paul Hazleton bought the TV for under £500, a 1950s Philco Predicta 'Pedestal', from Style Counsel in Margate in 2006.

Mr Hazelton, 46, from Margate, said: "I was in Margate by chance and thought I'd pop into that shop.

"My eye went straight to this thing in the corner, I didn't even know it was a TV at first, but it seemed kind of meant to be."

Mr Hazelton is now working with colleagues at Margate organisation Limbo Arts to make the television the centre-piece of an exhibition. Entitled Andy Warhol's TV, it will reconstruct Style Counsel and re-animate the broken television set by projecting an episode of Warhol's 1980s show Andy Warhol's TV onto it.

The television set, made between 1957-60, was sold in a 1988 Sotheby's auction of the Andy Warhol collection for $1,100.

The television turned up at Style Counsel in 2006 via a private collector in Scotland, although it's not known when the item crossed from the USA.

Style Counsel owner Kate Jackson said: "I knew nothing about the TV so I looked it up and realised it was rare and unique. The Andy Warhol connection made it special.

"Unfortunately it wasn't working. There's a hole in the rear of the screen – he probably shot it. He's well known for shooting at his TV – they had a love-hate relationship, he would destroy it to get it off the screen."

The pedestal set, which is nearly four feet high, is a highly sought-after collectible due to its radical design and the fact the Philco company went out of business in 1960.

Pop art

Warhol was an American artist who achieved global fame as a central figure in the pop art movement of the 1960s, controversially embracing popular culture, producing images of Campbell's soup and celebrities such as Marilyn Monroe.

He was also a prolific film-maker and hosted three television shows in the 1980s.

Style Counsel, a second-hand shop which focused on retro memorabilia, closed in December, 2007, after a costly burglary.

The exhibition will celebrate the second-hand culture in Margate, as part of the town's wider cultural rejuvenation.

The exhibition runs from October 18-26 at the Substation Project Space in Margate.



ICON: Andy Warhol's TV is as stylish as his famous pop art style of print making

Apology to Darwin

NEARLY 150 years after Charles Darwin wrote On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection at Down House in the village of Downe, Bromley, the Church of England has apologised for its vilification of the naturalist's theories.

Rev Dr Malcolm Brown, the Church's director of mission and public affairs, has written an apology on the Church's website: "Charles Darwin, 200 years from your birth, the Church of England owes you an apology for misunderstanding you."

On the Origin of Species, published in 1859, introduced the theory humans had evolved by a process of natural selection. Evolution was seen as a direct challenge to Christian creationism teachings, and the Church damned Darwin's ideas.

Darwin lived at Down House for nearly 40 years until his death in 1882. It is now a museum celebrating the naturalist, as he worked on his theories there.

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Who is eligible?
Anyone aged 16-24 years is eligible. We do ask that applicants have five GCSEs at C grade or above, but that shouldn't put anyone off from applying – we're looking for the right personal qualities above anything else.

How long does an apprenticeship last?
These particular apprenticeships are scheduled to start at the beginning of December this year and are due to last for 12 months.

Do the apprentices get paid?
Yes. The amount is currently under review.

How can people find out more information?
Two open days are being held, so anyone interested can come along and meet KHS inspectors and staff.

To find out more call us on 08458 247 904 or see our website at www.kent.gov.uk/highways

See www.KentTV.com for up-to-date travel information



Kim Hills is Head of Community Operations at Kent Highway Services and he explains what these apprenticeships can offer:

Why does KHS need to take on apprentices?
We need to encourage the next generation into our industry and equip them with the skills to develop and grow with us.

The training offers a really good grounding in highways because it covers a wide range of issues.

We also need the technology skills that the younger generation can bring and in return, we can provide training and experience in the field of engineering.

Community Liaison is a key issue for us too because customer care is a crucial part of the way we are developing the service. It's not just about the physical side of getting the job done anymore - we need to look at the way we deal with Kent residents to make sure that they're getting the best possible service and the apprentices can look at the way we do things with a fresh pair of eyes.

What can KHS offer to apprentices through this scheme?
We have an excellent team with specialist skills, so we can offer the apprentices really valuable, useable experience across a wide range of areas. They'll be able to get a solid base in engineering that could offer them a vast range of opportunities as they progress.

What would you say to someone considering a career in highways?
You can go as far as you want to. I started working for Dover District Council as a Trainee Technician in 1974 and now I'm Head of Community Operations for one of the biggest highway authorities in the UK.

Where can people find out more about the scheme?
You can find out more about highway apprenticeships on our website www.kent.gov.uk/highways or by calling us on 08458 247 904, but nothing beats talking to us in person.

Travel update

District	Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Canterbury	current	26.9.08	High Street, Herne Bay	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
Shepway	current	28.11.08	Cheriton High Street, Folkestone	Temporary traffic lights - new gas mains
Sevenoaks	22.9.08	22.9.08	Highlands Hill, Swanley	Road closure - telecoms works
Thanet	22.9.08	27.2.09	A256 Cliffs End, Ramsgate	Road closure - energy supply works
Dartford	23.9.08	29.9.08	Holmsdale Road, Darenth	Temporary traffic lights - new water mains

Kent Highway Services

For more information, please call 08458 247 800 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

School lesson left Tanya on a spinal board

A TEENAGE girl who suffered serious injuries when a school self-defence lesson went wrong has won her three-year battle for compensation, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Tanya Malone was a pupil at St Catherine's Catholic School in Bexleyheath when, in January, 2005, she took part in a demonstration showing how to escape a headlock.

But when her instructor lost her footing and slipped, the youngster was squashed on the carpeted concrete floor.

Miss Malone, who is now 19, had to be taken to hospital on a spinal board with a neck brace on while her horrified friends were left to fear for her well-being.

She said: "When it happened I really panicked as I couldn't breathe.

"I went to the hospital in an ambulance and the pain was so bad I thought I might be injured permanently.

"It was a traumatising experience."

Miss Malone suffered ongoing back problems as a result of the accident and had to undergo several sessions of osteopathy to cure muscle and ligament damage – injuries she has only just recovered from.

She said: "I've always dreamed of joining the police and I thought the injuries had ended those chances.

"It took a long while for the doctors to find out exactly what was causing the pain and I had to have a lot of treatment. It took six months just to be able to sit comfortably again. All the hospital visits caused a lot of disruption at school and my GCSEs went terribly.

Precautions

"It made me angry because a lesson like that should never have been allowed to go ahead in a room without safety mats.

"It's only when I look back now I realise how dangerous it was."

The instructor who accidentally injured the youngster worked for an independent contractor brought in by the school.

Miss Malone's pay-out from the school, which was for an undisclosed sum, was settled out of court.

Howard Moorby, a personal injury solicitor with the Lancashire-based MWR Solicitors that represented her, said holding a self-defence class without safety mats was a "clear breach" of health and safety laws.

He added: "Tanya's injuries caused her a significant amount of distress and had a significant impact on her schooling and personal life. This case should serve as a warning to schools that they must ensure all necessary safety precautions are taken when organising lessons of this kind."

Today Miss Malone's life is back on track, as she was recently accepted to become a trainee officer with the Metropolitan Police.

She said: "I'm over the moon to be accepted to train as a police officer. It's a dream come true, especially as I thought I might never get the chance following the accident."

St Catherine's school headteacher Patricia Slonecki did not wish to comment on the outcome of the case.



INJURED: Tanya, 19, was left traumatised

Port doing ferry good business

THE Port of Dover experienced the busiest day in its history for ferry traffic on Wednesday in the aftermath of the Channel Tunnel fire.

The port processed 9,662 freight vehicles, just 216 short of its daily record set on December 6, 2006, and 31 per cent more than it expected.

Traffic comparisons with Tuesday, September 9, show the port's ferry terminal also processed 42 per cent more cars (7,128), 34 per cent more coaches (197) and 35 per cent more passengers (33,745) yesterday.

Bob Goldfield, the Port of Dover's chief executive, said: "This is an exceptional performance by all concerned. Clearly there are busy times for months to come while the Channel Tunnel can only operate at a fraction of its capacity.

"The fire in the Channel Tunnel underlines the importance of having a thriving ferry business at the Port of Dover as the movement of trade and tourism between the UK and continental Europe grows."

An study of the contribution the Port of Dover makes to international trade concluded that the combined value of import and export freight passing through is estimated at between £46 billion-£55bn.

DVT a threat to rail commuters

SCIENTISTS are investigating fears that rail passengers could be struck by deep vein thrombosis – a condition usually associated with long-haul airline users.

The potentially fatal condition could affect those commuters who have to put up with cramped conditions on trains to and from London.

Kent stations such as Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, Maidstone and Ashford are among the busiest on the south eastern network at rush-hour periods.

The Rail Safety and Standards Board – the industry's major watchdog – has launched a £50,000 research project into the potential problem. However, no actual cases of the condition have yet been reported.

DVT occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the deep veins of the calf that carry blood back to a person's heart. In most cases they are too small to matter, but occasionally a piece can break off and lodge in a vein in the lung – causing a potentially fatal condition.

Tony Ambrose, of pressure group More Train Less Strain, said: "It doesn't surprise me to hear we are at risk from DVT.

"Things will keep getting worse until the train companies stop trying to cram in ever-greater numbers into the same amount of rolling stock."



Burning success in the box office

KENT-educated superstar Tilda Swinton helped her new movie hit number one at the box office last weekend.

Swinton, who was taught at the former West Heath Girls School, Sevenoaks, stars with George Clooney and Brad Pitt in comic spy thriller Burn After Reading.

Oscar-winning film-making brothers Joel and Ethan Coen topped the North American box office chart, taking £10.7 million in the film's opening weekend. In Burn After Reading, Swinton plays Clooney's love interest, who is less than happy with her life.

The 47-year-old, who now lives in Scotland, said: "I love this galaxy of humourless people I have been playing recently. I really, really enjoy it. It's like a secret revenge of mine against people who I have met in my life. But this one I have a particular relish with."

The film opens in the UK on October 17.

SnaffleUp a bargain

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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A WEBSITE to rival the international dominance of a major internet player has been set up by a Kent businessman.

Chris Toynbee, 33, from Herne Bay, says he hopes SnaffleUp will help cut down on the number of household items going to waste by encouraging owners to give them away online.

He added that he felt his site was more "user-friendly" than Freecycle, which was set up in the United States in 2003 and now has more than five million members worldwide

Mr Toynbee said: "A lot of what ends up in landfill sites still has plenty of useful life left in it.

"Why would you throw something away when you can give it to someone else who needs or wants it, and will use it?

"At a time when the credit crunch is making life harder for a lot of people, a source of free goods obviously has its attractions.

"SnaffleUp represents a new and easy way to help people save money while helping the environment at the same time."

Despite having only been set up six weeks ago, Mr Toynbee said SnaffleUp already has about 600 users.

Items already donated include televisions, dining tables, books, toys, computer equipment, clothes and garden furniture.

Mr Toynbee, who set up the site with Australian friend Marc McIntyre, said he was inspired by the Freecycle community, of which he was once a member.

Recycle

He said: "I really liked the idea because landfill sites are filling up and we need to recycle a lot more, but I found the site quite frustrating to use.

"It's very email-based and because it has so many members it used to take a while before I received the lists of available items I had requested. By the time they were sent, a lot of the items I wanted had already gone."

Despite the criticism of his much larger competitor, which is also a registered charity, Mr Toynbee accepts his website is not perfect.

He said: "SnaffleUp has an ongoing improvement policy focused around a forum that lets users post suggestions for improving the site, which can then be voted for by other members of the community."

According to the Local Government Association, the UK dumps more household waste into landfills than any other EU state, amounting to more than 27 million tonnes per year.

To join the SnaffleUp community visit www.snaffleup.co.uk.

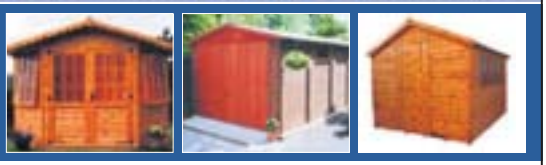


GREEN: Chris Toynbee hopes his new website will help reduce pointless waste

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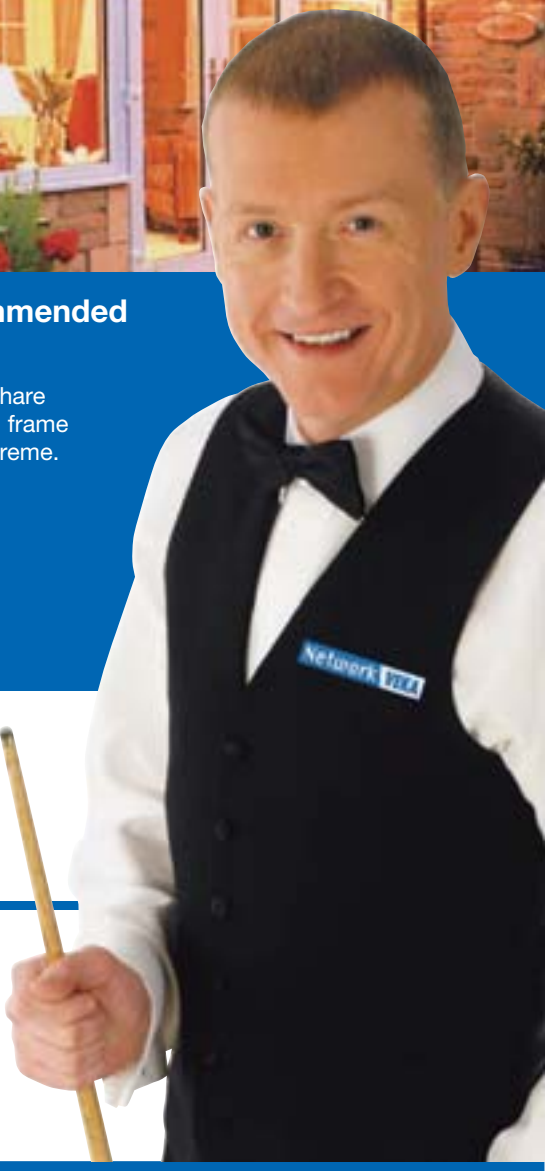
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Author gives fascinating insight into old customs

By **STEVE KNIGHT**
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THE tale of a giant character who walked through Medway covered in greenery is one of many featured in a new book about Kent's ceremonies.

Customs in Kent is the first in the Folklore of England series by Gravesend author Tony Foxworthy, 76, who has been researching the topic for the past 50 years.

Included in the book are ceremonies that still take place today – such as the blessing of the waters at the annual Whitstable Oyster Festival – and others which have long since died out.

Mr Foxworthy said: "The Jack in the Green is unusual because it didn't happen in many parts of the country.

"It was all to do with the original Sweeps Festival, when the chimney sweeps would walk through town with a man encased in greenery and people playing live music.

"There are still plenty of strange customs that are still going on. People think they've died out but they haven't."

Mr Foxworthy was involved in traditional customs from an early age when, as a child, he would help his grandfather and others guard the maypole at Lanreath in Cornwall so people from neighbouring villages could not steal it.

He worked for the English Folk Dance and Song Society for 20 years and encountered many different local customs as he visited different parts of the country.

Mr Foxworthy said: "I find it fascinating that people still take part in unusual customs in this day and age.

"For instance, there are only a handful of places that still do candle auctions. There is a village in North Yorkshire where half-a-dozen or so people meet and bid for a piece of land.

"They light a small candle before they start and whoever makes the final bid before the flame goes out wins the auction.

"The land is then his until they meet the next year, and the only rule he must stick to is he must grow watercress on it."

Mr Foxworthy said the next book would be about the customs of Yorkshire, but that it would probably be released in two volumes because there were so many to cover.

He added: "I think local customs are so important because so many people in the community get involved.

"It's not like one person decides to dance around a maypole. The whole village takes part and if for whatever reason it doesn't happen, people often feel like something is missing from their lives."

Folklore of England 1: Customs in Kent is available through Country Books priced £7.50.

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Elvis is ready to rock and roll one last time

A RETIRED greyhound passed by for adoption for nearly two years is ready to compete to become Retired Greyhound of the Year.

Elvis, an eight-year-old black and white dog, remained up for adoption at Sittingbourne Retired Greyhound Trust since leaving racing in 2006, before being claimed by Leah and Geoff White.

He will be competing against other ex-racers to become 'top dog' at the annual Great Greyhound Gathering in Nottingham on September 27.

Mrs White said: "Elvis should be the Retired Greyhound of the Year because he is a wonderful example of how ex-racers can go on make great pets. Elvis has fitted into our family so well it seems as though he has been with us forever."

Bill Buckley, from Sittingbourne RGT, said: "Although he was a favourite at the kennels, Elvis was often overlooked by people wanting to re-home a greyhound in favour of smaller, younger dogs."

If Elvis wins, he will scoop a cash prize for the Sittingbourne charity, which finds homes for some of the dogs that raced at the Central Park Stadium Sittingbourne.

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Men kept in custody

FIVE men have appeared before magistrates charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine.

Police arrested the men in Hythe early last Sunday after recovering 13kg of cocaine.

They are Glen Johnson, 32, Ronnie Johnson, 20, and Josiah Johnson, 20, all of Farnborough, Hampshire; Kym Farid, 29, of Worcester Park, Surrey; and Harvon Davies, 23, of Croydon, Surrey. All were remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone Crown Court on October 6.

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SHOPPED: Ian Jones is determined to beat running wife Jane in their grocery battle

IT WAS a challenge Ian Jones could not pass up, although he desperately wanted to – finish a 10 kilometre run fast enough and his wife must do all the shopping for two months.

Jane Jones, 49, from Brasted, is taking part in Cancer Research UK's Run10k at Leeds Castle on October 12, but made the challenge to her husband for a laugh.

Her husband Ian, 52, used to be in the Royal Marines, but confesses he would now rather be on the sofa now than pounding the streets.

But through the new Cancer Research website www.run10ktogether.com she issued him a novel challenge for fun.

The deal is that if he comes closer to his estimated running time than she does, she will do all the family grocery shopping for eight weeks after the race, letting Ian have some time off.

And now he wants to finish in front of her.

Jane, who has signed herself up for the London Marathon next year, said: "I started running about nine years ago after seeing adverts for The Race For Life and wanting to help raise money for cancer research.

"I got myself an old non-electric running machine which was actually awful to use. But I persevered and entered my first run at Maidstone and did it in 40 minutes.

"After that, I caught the bug and went in for quite a few, including The Race For Life.

"I have done the Hyde Park Adidas Women's Challenge, completed my first 10k run last September at Hampton Court and have my name down to do the London Marathon next April.

"Ian was always the fit one so when I started I kept asking him to join me when I run every day and he always had an excuse.

"That was until the email of my challenge arrived from Cancer Research saying I would do the shopping if my guess on his time was closer than his guess. He hates shopping and would love the chance to get out of it.

"At first he said no. But after working on him and telling him we have two weeks' rest in France before the run he finally agreed to the challenge which will happen at this year's Hampton Court run.

"Now he is taking his trainers to France so we can run together and build up his time and get him ready for the run.

"I told him he is allowed to walk some of it if he could not run all the way, and that I would wait for him at the finishing line, but now he has decided he wants to be the one passing the finishing line first.

"It should be a lot of fun, and of course we will be raising money for a great charity too, for people who are not as healthy as we are."

Ian said: "I am actually talking to her now. For a while after this challenge came through I was not looking forward to it at all. I do hope to raise plenty of money for the charity and win this challenge though.

"I love the idea of staying out of the supermarket. It would be a dream, so I am quite determined to beat her to the line."

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Rhyme and reason? You're having a laugh

SCHOOLCHILDREN are being offered the chance to join a free workshop with comedy poet John Hegley.

The poetry event is being run by the University for the Creative Arts at Rochester (UCA) and Aim Higher Kent and Medway, and is on Tuesday, October 21.

Schools across the county have been invited to an hour-long comedy poetry performance for 9-13-year-olds at UCA Rochester followed by a poetry workshop.

Hegley's work has been widely published and he appears regularly on Radio Four. He has also performed at the Latitude, Glastonbury, Edinburgh, and Paramount Comedy festivals.

UCA's Ruth Westbury said: "We are very excited to introduce children to John and his characters. We hope this fantastic opportunity helps to inspire the next generation of talented and creative poets."



COMEDIAN: John Hegley will be meeting our schoolchildren for a poetry workshop

A pesky peacock is sent pecking

Bird out of hand

By SIMON ROBINSON
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AN ANTI-social peacock that scratched and pecked residents has been re-homed.

The wild wildfowl, nicknamed Bert by his victims, attacked dozens of homeowners in Wainscott near Strood during a four-month reign of terror.

One of the bird's regular targets was great grandmother Hazel Tompsett, of Islingham Farm Road.



FEATHERED FOR: Bert the peacock's attack on Hazel Tompsett left her with a clawed head

The 78-year-old was left with deep cuts to her nose, bruising on her hand, arm and wrist and scratches on her head after being attacked twice in a week.

The latest incident, which took place on Friday, September 12, left her too frightened to leave the house alone.

She said: "I was hanging some washing up in the garden when the bird flew down on me and clawed me on the head and nose.

"After he attacked me I could not get back into the house. He would not let me move.

"He has attacked quite a few people, including my seven-year-old great grandson Charlie. My son is 50 and even he's frightened of Bert. Our neighbour contacted the RSPCA and the RSPB, but nobody seemed to want to get him."

Hazel's prayers were answered by Medway council's safer communities team. The department's Russel Songhurst was despatched to capture the escaped bird earlier this week.

Safer communities head Gavin Wilders said that although council responsibilities stop short of keeping an eye on ornamental birds, the council decided it should step in and help.



"We contacted the RSPCA, but they said they couldn't help, so we decided this was a practical way in which we could keep the community safer, at least from sharp-beaked birds.

"We sent Russell, who is one of the council's senior safer communities officers, out with the equipment our dog wardens use and he managed to catch the peacock and put it safely in a cage in the back of his van."

The peacock is now enjoying a new life on a 10-acre estate near Maidstone.

Hazel said she delighted the council had intervened.

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Woman held in custody in knife wielding case

A WOMAN is due to appear in court next week charged with causing actual bodily harm and possession of an offensive weapon.

Deborah Powell, 32, of Glen Iris Avenue, Canterbury, was arrested on September 15 in Sturry Road Asda.

She appeared before Canterbury magistrates the next day, where she was sent to Canterbury Crown Court for trial. A date has not yet been set.

No plea was entered, and Powell was remanded in custody until her next appearance on Wednesday, September 24.

The case concerns reports of a woman wielding a kitchen knife in Sturry Road Asda on Monday, September 15.

Young drinkers warned about bad behaviour

OFFICERS from Maidstone police seized around 30 cans of larger and five litre-sized bottles of vodka in a crackdown on underage drinking and anti-social behaviour last weekend.

Headcorn PCSO Tom Smith and special constables made the seizures after complaints from residents in the village.

The alcohol was disposed of and the officers advised several youths, aged between 13 and 17 about their behaviour.

PCSO Tom Smith comments: "We have had a number of residents express concern about young people acting in an anti-social manner.

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Abused dead dog thrown from cliff

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Susan Kingshot and Barry Webb, of Bell Farm Lane, Minster, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the cross-bred dog named Jasmine and failing to get her vet treatment.

Sittingbourne magistrates heard that when the dog died earlier this year they threw her body over the cliff at Minster.

Kingshot was given a three-year conditional discharge and Webb was given 80 hours' community punishment. Both were ordered to pay £500 costs and banned from keeping animals for life.

RSPCA Inspector Teresa Potter said after the hearing: "If anyone has an animal that is sick and they cannot cope then they should call us, not allow the animal to suffer and die."



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Website is cruel

WHEN a young mother was dragged into a stranger's car and repeatedly raped back in 2000, she spent the next eight years trying to get on with her life.

She attempted this difficult task despite knowing her attacker had escaped unpunished and could potentially strike again at any time.

But when 45-year-old Kelvin Bennett was arrested and charged with the offence last year, only to plead not guilty, she was forced to relive what happened in front of a crowded courtroom.

Even after being found guilty by a unanimous jury verdict and sentenced to 12 years in prison, Bennett continues to protest his innocence.

But if that were not insulting enough to his victim, a website dedicated to praising Bennett and badmouthing her has now been set up.

As Lin Smith of Victim Support Kent told Kent on Sunday, it can be difficult enough for rape victims to get on with their lives without being constantly reminded of their ordeal.

So rather than set up pointless online surveys asking visitors whether they believe Bennett is guilty or innocent, we suggest the creators of this site shut it down and find something more constructive to do with their lives.

Protect your child

THE time has come for parents to realise there really is no link between the MMR vaccine and autism.

An outbreak of measles in London has confirmed fears it could soon start affecting children in Kent.

The message is clear – do not put your children at risk. Get them vaccinated.

OPINION: Stand and be judged



The countdown has begun, and TOM SHELDRICK looks at the four years we have to make some serious changes

BEIJING has just said goodbye to the Paralympics, and with Boris Johnson's mitts already firmly wrapped round the Olympic flag, it is now Great Britain's turn to stage the greatest show on earth.

In 2008, China hasn't just opened itself up to the competitors and their supporting hoards; it has opened itself up to the judgement of the world.

BBC Panorama asked us to judge whether they'd kept their promises of press freedom. The national papers gave us checklists of areas to judge – smog levels over the stadium, human rights record, and so on.

Of course, when it comes to the competition itself, we like to play the plucky underdog card, but presented with the chance to expose the underbelly of Chinese society, warts and all, we revel in our role as world leaders of looking on and looking down.

Take the hurrah when it was revealed the young girl who performed in the opening ceremony was miming to the singing of another youngster whose face did not fit. Like we wouldn't have done the same!

The reality is that the Chinese put on one hell of a show – and we're going to have to go some way to match it.

In 2012 Britain will open itself up to the world – even more than it already does – and, when the torch arrives, hopefully through Dover, invite the rest of the world to judge us.

If we want to make the right impression, I'd suggest taking some advice from the Germans.

Self-assessment

Germany's done more than its fair share of self-assessment in recent years.

Around 40 years ago, German adolescents began asking their parents: 'what did you do under the Nazis?' This Baby Boom generation caused a seismic shift in national mentality after the horrors of the Holocaust, namely from collective denial to a certain dignified repentance.

The Germans have since used sport as a big part of rediscovering some national pride and came out as successful hosts of the 2006 World Cup and arguably the leading recyclers in Europe.

But a lack of confidence is far from our problem – we've been basking in an assumed superiority for centuries, thinking we've got it right and the rest of the world should aspire to be like us.

The 'civilising missions' of the 19th century have changed into self-serving interventions in minor wars in the 21st – our own commercial interest of course still the chief condition.

We in modern-day Britain seem to think we deserve to live in luxury, neglecting the millions who don't, and ruining our planet in the process.

Human geographers struggle to find 'politically correct' terms (they seem to have settled on MEDC and LEDC – more and less economically developed countries) to picture the difference between us and them, the West and the rest, reveal this inherent feeling of superiority.

Dependency theory believers would argue the rich are rich at the expense of the poor, impoverishing, spreading disease to, and killing huge numbers in the process – not with malicious intent, but reckless irresponsibility.

Greed

We seem to think it's okay to have three freezers and three cars per family – as long as China, India, or Africa doesn't become developed enough to be able to have the same.

The pinch of the 'credit crunch' has seen the average Briton complaining he can't pay his bills. But last Sunday the Currys car park last was still packed with people buying new HD TVs to go with their Sky dishes. Just maybe the economic recession will make us see how privileged we are.

The ruling handed down to the Kingsnorth Six last week may be a more significant landmark.

The jury's judgement that the defacement was justified, weighed up against Kingsnorth's long-term emissions, showed the government the average John does believe we need to do something about pollution.

After all, atmospheric carbon dioxide has increased 22 per cent in 50 years, the last two decades of the 20th century were the hottest in 400 years and Arctic ice is rapidly disappearing.

Unfortunately, 'every little helps' doesn't really cut it anymore – we need a wholesale change in our mentality, starting with a little self-judgement.

If not, the next generation will be turning to us in 20 years time and asking: "Why were you so greedy? Why did you ruin our planet?"

The rest of the world might even be asking that in 2012.



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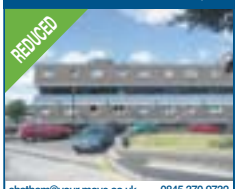
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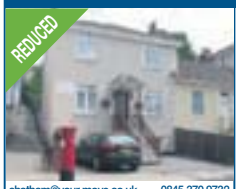
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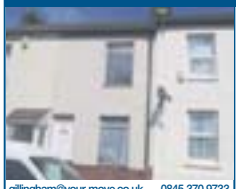
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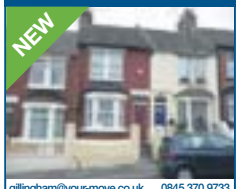
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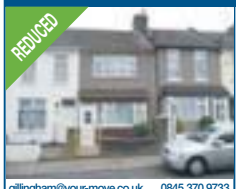
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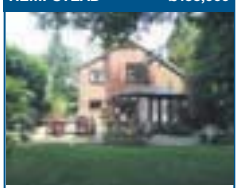
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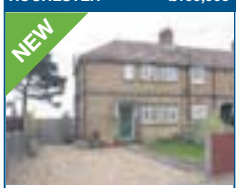


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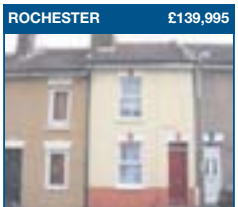
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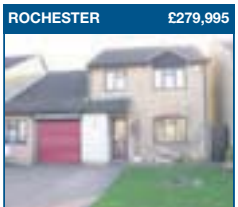
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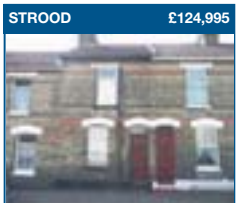
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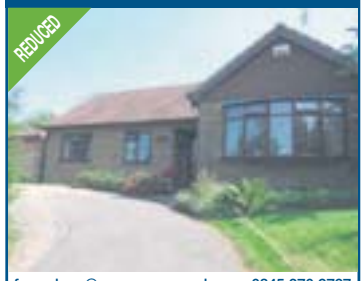
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PASTORAL SUPPORT OFFICER

35 Hours per week (8.15 am to 3.45 p.m.) Term Time Only

We require a Pastoral Support Officer to work with our team in providing pastoral support to ensure high quality learning for all students.

The role will involve

- Running the school inclusion room (an alternative to fixed term exclusion)
- Dealing with parental enquiries through telephone and face-to-face meetings including investigation and mediation.
- Promoting good attendance, attitudes and behaviour at all times
- Assisting with a range of administrative support including support to exclusion, discipline and other student related meetings.

A flexible approach to working and the ability to work as part of a team and under your own initiative are essential. Good communication skills at all levels are essential.

Experience of working with young people in an educational, Youth and Community or similar environment would be an advantage.

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Please submit full CV giving details of previous experience and the name of two referees to the Mrs S Chisholm, Personnel Administrator at Northfleet School for Girls, Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AQ or email: personnel@northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk
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Folkestone
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Administration, Secretarial, PA

Administrative Assistant - Enterprise and Business

Ashford
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To apply/more information:
South Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: S2159
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

Assistant Buyer

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: Negotiable, dependent upon experience
Due to expansion, food wholesalers require an Assistant Buyer, to assist with all aspects of purchasing, stock control and data inputting. Please apply in writing or by email with CV and covering letter.
To apply/more information:
Georgina Davis
Turner Fine Foods
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email georgina@turnersfinefoods.co.uk

Curriculum Support Assistant within Health, Public Services and Care

Canterbury
Salary: Starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week, 38 weeks term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/131
Tel: 01227 811282
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Curriculum Support Assistant within the Faculty of ICT/Retail and Commercial/ Leisure and Tourism/ Catering/Business and Law

Canterbury
Salary: £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week., 38 weeks per year term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Dental Receptionist

Maidstone
Salary: tba
To apply/more information:
Nicola
Marden Dental Surgery
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 07736648406
Email
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Lifelong Learning Administrator

Canterbury
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To apply/more information:
Sheila Bull - Kent & Medway NHS
Quoting Job Ref: P630
Tel: 07791892057
Email
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Office Clerk Required

Sheerness
Salary: TBA
Office Clerk Required Full Time 9:00 - 5:00pm No Experience Necessary Apply in writing to: Council Offices, Trinity Road, Sheerness, Kent ME12 2PF.
To apply/more information:
Sharrock Insurance Service
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email alan.doucy@
sharrock-insurance.com

Catering, Hospitality

Assistant Head Chef

Canterbury
Salary: £14,535 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
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Tel: 01227 811282
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Email
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Catering Assistant

Canterbury
Salary: £11,801 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
16 hours per week. 36 weeks term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Canterbury College
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Part Time Bar Person

Lydd
Salary: TBA
Lydd Golf Club require a Part Time Bar Person Minimum 25 hours a week. Must be over 18. All shifts required including weekends Bar experience preferred. We also require an Assistant Cook Various shifts including weekends Please call Keith on 01797 320808.
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Keith
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Dover
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To apply/more information:
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The Centre Spot
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email andrea.milner@
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Child Care

Placement Visitor within Early Years/ Playwork

Canterbury
Salary: £14,535 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
19 hours per week, 38 weeks term time. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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To apply/more information:
Lynne Beckley
Serco Local Government
Quoting Job Ref: LB/CM092008
Tel: 01227 819419
Email
lbeckley@canterbury.serco.com

College Information Services Assistant

Medway
Salary: Salary £15,057 - £18,534
Closing Date: Friday 27 September 2008
College Information Services Assistant Reference P0566 Salary £15,057 - £18,534 We are seeking to appoint a CIS Assistant who is able to demonstrate excellent Microsoft Office skills, pay good attention to detail and work under pressure. You will be required to assist in the maintenance and implementation of the information systems, reporting and analysing data to ensure that the College complies with relevant legislation and formal guidance. You will also be expected to provide general assistance to ensure the smooth running of the office Closing date is Friday 27 September 2008 Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please email recruitment@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the college please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.
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Mid Kent College
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Email
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Visitor Services Assistant - 3 posts

Sevenoaks
Salary: Post 1: £15,243 pa.- Post 2: £8,561 pa.
Closing Date: 10 October 2008
Bedgebury Post 1: £15,243 pa. Full time rostered over a seven day period and working alternate weekends and some evenings. Post 2: £8,561 pa. Annualised hours with flexible working arrangement of about 1092 hours per year – average of 21 per week – rostered to suit the needs of the Visitors Services team. You may have some weeks off, or alternatively work five days a week by prior arrangement. Evening and weekend work will be required. All posts are fixed term for two years, which may be extended or made permanent. You'll assist Bedgebury's Visitor Services team in providing a first class service to the public by welcoming visitors, assisting the visitor information centre and through light cleaning and maintenance. Ideally you'll have experience of working in a customer focussed tourism/recreation environment, cash handling and excellent customer care skills. Applicants with relevant skills in other areas eg retail, general maintenance or cleaning will be considered. You'll have confidence dealing with the public and be able to provide clear and factual information. You must also demonstrate the ability to work well as part of a team. A first aid qualification would be useful, although training can be provided. Vetting for 'Disclosure' via the Criminal Records Bureau is required for all posts. Benefits include a Civil Service Pension or stakeholder pension scheme, 25 days annual leave and flexible working options. To apply, visit our website at the address below or email recruitment@forestry.gsi.gov.uk Alternatively, write to Shireen West, HR Services, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT. Please note all applications must be accompanied by a Forestry Commission application form. Please quote ref: HR89/94. No recruitment agencies please.
Closing Date: 10 October 2008.
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Tel: 01634 722922
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Fueller/Shunter/ Cleaner

Gillingham
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 3rd Oct 08
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To apply/more information:
Arriva Southern Counties
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Full Time Cleaner

Canterbury
Salary: £6.13 per hour
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Mobile Office/Public Convenience Cleaners x2

Sevenoaks
Salary: £15,027 p.a. to £18,316 p.a. rising to £19,442 p.a.
Closing Date: 29th September 2008
Plus a final salary contributory pension scheme Your duties will involve the daily cleaning of offices and public conveniences to a specified standard. This will include WC's, basins & urinals, as well as walls, floors, ceilings etc and the removal of graffiti. You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, and be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working Previous applicants need not apply and for an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375. Our staff benefits package includes, a final salary contributory pension scheme, flexible annual leave and working arrangements, free centre membership of Sencio's Leisure Centres in the District, a childcare vouchers scheme and excellent training and development opportunities. To apply on-line please visit our website @ www.sevenoaks. gov.uk/jobs You may also contact the Human Resources Team for an Information pack and application form by calling the recruitment voicemail on 01732 227102 (24 hours) or by e-mailing recruitment@ sevenoaks.gov.uk quoting the reference number.
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Street Sweeper/Driver

Sevenoaks
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Closing Date: 29th September 2008
With exceptional performance (pay award pending) plus a final salary contributory pension scheme You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes.
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Domestic Trades

MULTI SKILLED CARPENTER

Ashford
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Andy Fuller
ASF Bespoke Development Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07710 261616
Email andy@
bespokedevelopments.co.uk

Night Cleaners

Canterbury
Salary: £6.13 per hour
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
20 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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ART, DESIGN and TECHNOLOGY TECHNICIAN

Chatham
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Closing Date: 1st October 2008
Term Time only - 37 hours per week NJC Points 7-21 (£12,291 - £18,430 – pay award pending); pro rata to £10,035 - £15,047 for Term Time only Position on scale according to age and experience We require, as soon as possible, an enthusiastic technician with an interest in the visual arts to join a successful Art, Design and Technology Department. The successful candidate will be well organised, able to work on their own initiative and willing to tackle a wide range of practical activities including basic maintenance of equipment, supporting teaching and learning, preparing materials and carrying out risk assessments. An ability to work as part of a team is essential. Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure. Please note that this school is a designated non-smoking area. Fort Pitt is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please note that Fort Pitt operates a no smoking policy throughout the buildings and site. If you believe that you have the skills and characteristics necessary for either of these posts then please apply by letter to the P.A. to the Headteacher, enclosing a CV and the names of two referees, by 1st October 2008. Further details including job descriptions may be accessed from the Fort Pitt website (www.fortpitt.medway.sch.uk).
To apply/more information:
P.A. to the Headteacher
Fort Pitt Grammar
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 842359
Email
office@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk

ASD team

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 30th September
We are looking for the ideal candidates who are emotionally literate, committed to inclusion and willing to learn to be a part of the following teams. We are looking for people who can take initiative and work both independently as well as part of a team. All applications are welcome. Salary equivalent pt 8-12 on Kent Scheme. 14k pro-rata for 40 hours a week term time only. The successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced crb check. Please send a copy of your C.V and covering letter to our HR department at Jennifersposner@marloweacademy.co.uk or the address above.
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Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Jennifersposner@
marloweacademy.co.uk

Basic Skills Team

Ramsgate
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 30th September
We are looking for the ideal candidates who are emotionally literate, committed to inclusion and willing to learn to be a part of the following teams. Key Roles will include: Teaching small groups of students in basic literacy and numeracy. Contributing to large group teaching as part of a team. Some preparation of teaching materials. Supervising accelerated reading programmes across the school. Level 2 in English and Maths is required. Full training opportunities will be provided. We are looking for people who can take initiative and work both independently as well as part of a team. All applications are welcome. Salary equivalent pt 8-12 on Kent Scheme. 14k pro-rata for 40 hours a week term time only. The successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced crb check. Please send a copy of your C.V and covering letter to our HR department at Jennifersposner@marloweacademy.co.uk or the address above.
To apply/more information:
HR department
Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Jennifersposner@
marloweacademy.co.uk

Coordinator of IMI and CandG Full time Automotive Engineering Programmes

Canterbury
Salary: Starting from £26,365 per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/132
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Coordinator of WBL and other Part-time Motor Vehicle programmes including IMI ATA

Canterbury
Salary: Salary starting from £26,365 per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Director of Learning for Mathematics

Canterbury
Salary: MPS +TLR - £10,303
Closing Date: 10.00am on Friday 10th October
Twin Specialisms: Business & Enterprise and Visual, Creative & Performing Arts Director of Learning for Mathematics MPS +TLR - 10,303 Following the promotion of the previous post holder to a senior management position, we will be appointing his permanent replacement from 1st January 2009. This is an exciting opportunity for an ambitious and talented colleague to join our Team. Building upon the success of the Montgomery School during its final years, Spires had a very good first year. Year 7 numbers have doubled, GCSE results with English and Maths shot up from 18% to 32%, and there is a real sense of optimism in our community, a 'can do' mentality. Maths results last year were the best of the core subjects, testimony to the quality of teaching and organisation of the curriculum. There is, however, real potential for improvement as well as the opportunity to teach at Sixth Form level through our link with the Marlowe Academy. Potential candidates are encouraged to visit the school as part of the application process. Please email our Personnel Manager, Marion Wigington, on m.wigington@spiresacademy.com for further details of how to apply. Interviews scheduled for the following week. http://www.spiresacademy.com
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Head of Faculty Higher Education

Canterbury
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International Manager

Canterbury
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Lab Technician (Resource Assistant)

Canterbury
Salary: £14,535 pro rata per annum
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Laboratory Technician

Broadstairs
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37 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme Payscale 3 Points 7-11 The successful candidate will join a hardworking, friendly Science team working within the College. Previous school experience would be an advantage, although not necessary as full training will be provided. We are also offering the possibility of gaining an NVQ qualification, level 2 or 3. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, can work using their own initiative and who enjoys working as part of a team. The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious Technician work room. A full job description is available upon request Please apply in writing for an application pack at the above address to Mr Martin O'Grady, Head of Science or via email to:
recruitment@ursuline.org.uk
To apply/more information:
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 834431
Email
recruitment@ursuline.org.uk

Learning Support Assistant

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 5pm,Tuesday 30th September 2008
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Lecturer - Hairdressing

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Lecturer Administration to Level 3 and Cross College Key Skills

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Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

Canterbury
Salary: £17,816-£25,545 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
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Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 07/04
Tel: 01227 811282
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Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

Canterbury
Salary: range from £17,816-£25,545 per annum
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Temporary post to cover maternity leave. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Canterbury College
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Lecturer Finance

Isle of Sheppey
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Sheppey College
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Lecturer Health and Social Care

Canterbury
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Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: P0549
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Lecturer Independent Living and Leisure Skills

Canterbury
Salary: range £17,816-£25,545 pro rata per annum
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To apply/more information:
Hadlow College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Project Coordinator

Canterbury
Salary: £18,375 per annum
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Canterbury College
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Resource Assistant Animal Care and Land Based

Canterbury
Salary: £14,535 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
37 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 04/98
Tel: 01227 811282
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Resource Assistant/ Work Placement Organiser for Health and Social Care

Canterbury
Salary: £14,535 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
18.5 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
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Canterbury College
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Section Manager - Automotive Engineering

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Canterbury College
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Fort Pitt Grammar
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel:
office@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk
Email 01634 842359

Senior Technician in Electrical Engineering

Medway
Salary: Salary £16,199 - £20,997
Closing Date: Friday 27 September 2008
Senior Technician in Electrical Engineering Reference P0631 Salary £16,199 - £20,997 The successful candidate will carry out technician duties, assist tutors and learners in all practical aspects of electrical engineering and co-ordinate work across the department. You will possess a suitable higher level qualification in electrical engineering and have proven experience in a relevant electrical field. Closing date is Friday 27 September 2008 Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please email recruitment@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the college please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.
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Supply Lecturer in Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3

Isle of Sheppey
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Supply Lecturer in Bookkeeping and Accounting

Isle of Sheppey
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Supply Lecturers

Canterbury
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THERE'S STILL DEMAND FOR THE RIGHT SITE!



Although the current tightening of available credit has hit house-builders and mortgage seekers alike, Kent property experts RPC Land and New Homes believes that the right sites in a good location will still attract a lot of interest from residential developers.

House developers are among the groups hit hardest by the recent credit crunch, which has seen banks wary of lending money or extending credit, while the mortgage market has dried up making it harder to sell properties already built. This has made life tougher for house-builders although many still have an eye on the future and are actively seeking new sites for future development.

RPC Managing Director Peter Randall, said: "There is no denying, we are experiencing a softening in the land and new homes market like the rest of the country, however, for the right sites in the right place we are still seeing a lot of competition from developers. We recently marketed a large site in West Kent, which attracted 13 bids and another site in Mid Kent that attracted five bids which shows there are deals to be done and that the market is by no means dead.

"We are also seeing commercial values get a lot closer to residential prices and that is resulting in some developers being a lot more creative with sites. Also, purely commercial or mixed-use investors/ purchasers are coming forward and there certainly is greater demand for family housing rather than flats or apartments."

With good plots still being competitively bid for, getting professional advice on marketing and selling to a developer has never been more important.

Peter Randall added: "It is very important to know whether your site has the potential to attract interest and to see if there are any other alternative uses in the current market. Using the skills and contacts of a professional land agent can make sure the right sort of development is devised for a plot, which ultimately should attract the maximum potential price.

"Although the market is currently suffering compared to recent years, there is undoubtedly purchasers now once again looking for opportunities and with the amount of time it takes for sites to be sold and then achieve planning, developers are looking at plots now that they can get to work on in 18 months to two years time when the economic situation may have changed greatly."

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Rural Village Setting...



For purchasers seeking a new home on a small, exclusive, gated development, benefiting from a generous specification, easy access to transport links, situated adjacent to open farmland, and offering appealing designs set around a courtyard, Copse Farm near Rochester is essential viewing.

The first occupations have taken place at this exclusive development of just 13 privately owned new homes built by Firstwater Developments. The first purchasers to complete were buying their second home from Firstwater having previously purchased on the company's first development at High Halstow, which gives an indication of their confidence in the quality of home and value for money offered by Firstwater.



The development although numbering only 13 properties has a range of sizes and styles with everything from a sizeable 1 bedroom mews apartment through to 4 bedroom detached houses, all situated around a courtyard and carefully designed to reflect the farming history of the land.

The majority of the homes back onto open farmland with extensive views and all benefit from the attention to detail in their design that makes this a unique environment in which to live. Whist being rural in its setting the location benefits from easy access to the M2, Ebbsfleet station, Bluewater, and London.

Dawn Taylor Senior Sales Manager of selling agent RPC New Homes is pleased by the level of interest being generated. "Feedback is very positive, people like the style of the development which creates a rustic feeling, the quality of the finish, plus the fact that there are only 13 properties rather than being part of a large, sprawling site is a big plus with many people".



Prices for the remaining properties range from **£184,950** for a 2 bedroom cottage to **£384,950** for a 4 bedroom detached with 4 double bedrooms with incentives available on selected plots.

Further information can be obtained from RPC Thames Gateway Office on: 01634 835900

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Purbeck Road, Chatham
Prices from: £76,000 L/H

DESCRIPTION
- 1 bedroom apartment
- Studio apartment
- Fitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- Fitted carpets
- Own private entrance
- Private shared garden
- Quiet yet convenient
- Ready to move into









An exclusive new development of just two studio apartments and two x 1 bedroom apartments situated just off Maidstone Road and within easy reach of Chatham mainline train station and the town centre.

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Basi House, Gravesend
Prices from: £152,000 L/H

DESCRIPTION
- 1 & 2 bedroom apartments
- High specification
- Close to town centre
- Close to mainline train station
- Allocated parking
- Gated development
- 10 year Premier guarantee
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An exclusive new development of just 14 new 1 & 2 bedroom designer apartments and 2 bedroom duplex apartments close to mainline train station and Town Centre.

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Little Limes, Bearsted Green

Price: £675,000

DESCRIPTION

- Unique opportunity
- 4/5 bedroom detached home
- Fitted kitchen
- Integrated appliances includes oven, hob & extractor
- Three en-suite bathrooms
- Private driveway
- Detached double garage and parking for several vehicles
- Viewings available by appointment







A fine 4/5 bedroom detached home in the unspoilt village of Bearsted, Kent. Ideally located for easy access to the M20 via junction 7 and the local train station is a short distance away providing direct links to Capital and Coast.

King\Johnston **CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO VIEW**

MID & EAST KENT: 01622 691911

Holt Close, off North Cray Road, Sidcup

Price: £595,000

DESCRIPTION

- Family home
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen with some integrated appliances
- Separate utility room
- 2 en-suites
- Private rear garden
- Detached double garage and block paved driveway



Last opportunity to purchase this 5 bedroom detached family home on an exclusive development of just 5 properties. Conveniently situated close to the open spaces of Foots Cray Meadows and only 1.5 miles (approx.) from a range of local shops, rail services to London and motorway network via A20 and A2.

VIEWINGS STRICTLY BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

* subject to terms and conditions - limited period only

THAMES GATEWAY: 01634 835900

Highbanks, Rochester

Prices from: £380,000

DESCRIPTION

- Detached
- 5 double bedrooms
- Fitted carpets
- Integrated appliances
- Granite worktops
- En-suite to two bedrooms
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing by appointment only









Highbanks is an exclusive development of just six 5 bedroom detached homes set in a pleasant cul-de-sac position in Rochester, conveniently located with an array of shops and historical attractions and giving easy access to the M2/M20 road network.

PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE*

* subject to terms and conditions

THAMES GATEWAY: 01634 835900

Stangate Road, Strood, Rochester

Price: £375,000

DESCRIPTION

- Detached
- 4 double bedrooms
- 2 En-suites
- Kitchen plus utility
- Integrated appliances
- 4 piece family bathroom
- Garage plus ample parking
- Viewing by appointment only









This is an exclusive new detached family home in the 'Parkfields' area of Strood. Conveniently located for access on to A2/M2, and is ready to move into today!!

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Copperhouse Farm, Rainham

Prices from: £335,000

DESCRIPTION

- 4 bedrooms
- Kitchen & utility room
- Fitted carpets
- Garage/barn parking
- Private gated development
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An exclusive development of five 4 bedroom barn style houses backing onto Countryside Views in Lower Rainham. Conveniently located for local shops, schools, Riverside Country Park and Rainham Mainline Station giving easy access to the M2/A2 road network.

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Orchard House, Orchard Drive, Tonbridge

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DESCRIPTION

- 4 bedroom detached family home
- Impressive kitchen with large breakfast area
- Inc. American style fridge/freezer integrated double oven, hob and extractor, coffee machine, dishwasher and microwave
- Separate utility room
- Lounge with fireplace
- Family room/dining room/ study
- Good sized rear garden
- Integral double garage





This attractive 4 bedroom detached house is set on the north side of Tonbridge and convenient for all amenities including range of schools. Carpets are included with tiling to entrance hall, kitchen, bathroom and en-suite's. Kitchen with patio doors to garden. Good size living room with fireplace and double doors to rear garden. Impressive entrance/reception hall. En-suite shower to both master and second bedroom. Private drive.

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WEST KENT: 01732 363633

Coming Soon to Willington Street, Maidstone

Price on Application

DESCRIPTION

- 3 bedroom, 3 storey home
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- Good size plots
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- En-suite bathrooms
- Fitted kitchens
- Close to Mote Park
- Easy access to M20, via junction 7



A unique pair of semi-detached homes offering good size family accommodation, access via private drive. Set away from the main road with well established trees and shrubs, you will be forgiven for forgetting that Maidstone town centre is a short distance away. Maidstone offers a welcoming environment for young and old, with the River Medway running through its centre, the town is not only a cultural delight, but offers some of the county's best shopping and eating experiences

MID & EAST KENT: 01622 691911

rpc LAND & NEW HOMES homes beside the seaside...



Brooklands Lodge, East Sussex
Prices from: £119,500

DESCRIPTION

- Only 3 apartments remaining
- 1 and 2 bedroom apartments
- Fitted kitchens with granite effect worktops
- White sanitary ware to bathrooms
- Off-road parking
- Door entry system
- 10 year Zurich guarantee

The development is situated on the eastern side of Bexhill towards the end of a no through road. Bexhill is located between the larger coastal towns of Eastbourne and Hastings. The town centre offers a wide range of shops to provide for every-day needs together with cafes in which to relax, along with a variety of antique and book shops in which to browse. There are a number of outdoor activities available in the area including bowls clubs and golf courses.



SUSSEX: 01444 416657

Belgrave Place, East Sussex
Prices from: £199,950

DESCRIPTION

- Only 2 apartments remaining
- 1 bedroom apartments
- Contemporary fitted kitchens
- En-suite bathroom
- Built in wardrobes to master
- Off-road parking
- Video door entry system
- Gas Central Heating

A selection of 15 luxury one and two bedroom apartments situated in the quiet seaside resort of Seaford located at the foot of the South Downs which has a railway station with services to London Victoria via Lewes, ample shopping and medical facilities, two golf clubs and a long beach.

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Sea Street, Whistable
Prices from: £279,995

DESCRIPTION

- 2 bedroom townhouse
- Central location
- Rear courtyard
- High gloss kitchen units
- Integrated appliances
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Alarm system

The Kent Coastal Town of Whitstable remains one of the most popular property hotspots in the country today. The pretty town which is largely unspoilt is notably most famous for the annual historic Oyster festival and fresh seafood served from the picturesque market and harbour. Good traditional shops, pubs and restaurants are plentiful throughout the town serving the local community.



MID & EAST KENT: 01622 691911

Summerhill, Ratton Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex
Prices from: £180,000

DESCRIPTION

- 2 bedroom apartments
- Lift to all floors
- Secure door entry system
- Communal garden
- Allocated parking spaces
- Close to all amenities
- Viewings available by appointment

A select development comprising of 10 x 2 bedroom apartments. Each floor is served by a passenger lift and each apartment by a secure door entry system. There will be a communal garden for residents use at the rear of the apartments and each apartment will have an allocated parking space with the benefit of an external storage cupboard. Plots 2 and 3 have their own private patio area.

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SUSSEX: 01444 416657

Tamarisk Place, Hastings Road, Bexhill-on-Sea
Prices from: £249,975

DESCRIPTION

- Only two x 4 bedroom townhouses remaining
- Fitted kitchens with integrated appliances including dishwasher, washing machine and fridge/freezer
- En-suite shower rooms
- Landscaped rear gardens
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE*

*subject to terms and conditions

Development of eight, 3 & 4 bedroom homes with fitted kitchens. There are TV and telephone points to the lounge and master bedroom. All properties also benefit from gas central heating, PVCU double glazing, block paved driveways and front and rear external lighting.

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Nazareth Hill, Hastings Road, Bexhill

Apartments from: £139,995 & Houses from: £229,000

DESCRIPTION

- Just two apartments remaining - both 2 bedroom, second floor with allocated parking space
- Three x 3 bedroom houses remaining all with garage
- Contemporary fitted kitchens
- Integrated oven, hob & extractor
- Gas central heating
- Houses - freehold
- Apartments - leasehold (99years)
- Show Home & Sales Office Open





Located in East Sussex between Hastings and Eastbourne, Bexhill-on-Sea is a classic English seaside town. Bexhill offers a wide beach ideal for families of all ages, a mix of restaurants and cafes to suit all tastes, and a wonderfully diverse selection of shops.

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SUSSEX: 01444 416657



WEST KENT: 01732 363633

Bradley Court, Grove Road, Burgess Hill

Prices from: £164,950

DESCRIPTION

- Just eight, 1 bedroom apartments
- Contemporary fitted kitchens
- Integrated oven, hob & extractor
- Shower screen over bath
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Audio entry system
- Off road parking
- 10 year Zurich warranty
- Close to local amenities
- Reservations being taken



A selection of one bedroom apartments in a convenient position for the mainline station and High Street in Burgess Hill, West Sussex.

VIEWINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

SUSSEX: 01444 416657

St Paul's On-The-Green, Haywards Heath

Prices from: £215,000

DESCRIPTION

- Conversion Apartments
- 2 bedroom apartments available
- Traditional village green location
- Contemporary fitted kitchens
- Integrated appliances
- Single garage *(on selected plots only)*
- Gas fired central heating
- Private parking
- 3, 4 & 5 bed houses also at St. Paul's On-The-Green



FLOWER LODGE at ST PAUL'S ON-THE-GREEN, is situated in the West Sussex town of Haywards Heath. St Paul's On-The-Green is approximately half a mile from the mainline railway station which offers easy access to London or Brighton on the coast.

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SUSSEX: 01444 416657

Beechcroft, Ham Lane, Haywards Heath

Price: £465,000

DESCRIPTION

- Detached Chalet Bungalow
- 4 double bedrooms
- Kitchen/dining area
- Integrated appliances
- Utility room
- Study
- En-suite shower to master bedroom
- Integral garage
- Turfed rear garden



A brand new chalet style dwelling located in a quiet village. It is approximately 3 miles from Haywards Heath town centre which offers good shopping and leisure facilities together with excellent rail links to London (Haywards Heath to London Victoria is approximately 50 minutes, Haywards Heath to London Bridge is under 45minutes).

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rpc LAND & NEW HOMES village location...

Red Roses Close, East Peckham

Prices from: £163,875*

DESCRIPTION

- A cottage and a bungalow remaining
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- Master bedroom with en-suite
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Ferndale, The Freehold, East Peckham

Prices from: £329,995

DESCRIPTION

- 4 bedroom detached homes
- Fitted kitchen with breakfast area & integrated oven, hob & extractor, washing machine, dishwasher & fridge/freezer
- Carpets included *(in plot 2 - the view home)*
- **INCENTIVES AVAILABLE***
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Do not miss out on the opportunity to view these last two remaining 4 bedroom detached family homes situated in East Peckham. Local shops and leisure facilities are close by together with easy access into Tonbridge and road links to the M20, leading to M25. This village location is a perfect balance between town and country living.

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Copse Farm, Chattenden, Nr Rochester

Prices from: £184,950

DESCRIPTION

- 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom homes
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SAFETY
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COMMUNITY
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Salary: Salary Leadership Scale L13 – L14
Closing Date: Friday 10th October 2008
Now in its fourth year, Kent's first Academy continues to challenge traditional approaches and to drive up standards – over twenty students have now gone on to university and last year's 5A*-C GCSE figure topped 50%. Real progress has been made with the 2011 National Challenge, but we believe that the creation of this Leadership Team post is crucial to our continued success. The successful candidate will at least have: • relevant middle leader experience; • a background in Mathematics; • energy, drive, commitment and ambition; • and excellent communication skills. Jenny Spooner, our Personnel Manager, is administering the appointment process. Please email her for details at Jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk, as well as the chance to tour the Academy with our Principal, Ian Johnson. The closing date for applications is Friday 10th October 2008. We look forward to hearing from you.
To apply/more information:
Jenny Spooner,
Marlowe Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 593326
Email Jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

Technician in Music

Chatham
Salary: Salary £15,057 - £18,534 pro rata
Closing Date: 24 September 2008
(18.5 hours per week) Salary £15,057 - £18,534 pro rata We are looking to appoint a Technician to provide support for staff and students with day to day music activities. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of music technology and hold a degree or HND in music technology. Previous experience in the music field would be advantageous.
To apply/more information:
Personnel department
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: P0226
Tel: 01634 845402
Email
recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

The Royal School of Military Engineering (Chatham) Instructors

Chatham
Salary: £28,219 - £30,312
Closing Date: Closing Date 3 October 2008
If you are a skilled tradesperson and you want a secure, exciting and challenging career in training you should consider working at the Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) as an Instructor. The School currently employs over 100 civilian instructors who are responsible for ensuring that the Royal Engineers are equipped to carry out all the trade duties associated with their role. Although the Royal Engineers are first and foremost soldiers they are also combat engineers and highly skilled tradesman. If you have ever considered training and are interested in passing on your skills and knowledge to young military personnel we would like to hear from you. Currently we are looking for a number of people to take up the following posts: • Electrical Instructors. • Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Instructors • Heating and Plumbing Instructors • Fabrication Instructors • Electrical and Mechanical Draughtsman • Instructor Fitter - Engines • Land Surveyors These are key appointments and the successful candidates will need to demonstrate that they have the practical skills and knowledge of their trade and have the potential to develop into first class instructors. Training will be provided. For an application form and job description please: Visit our website www.midkent.ac.uk Email: rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk Telephone 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) Informal enquires are very welcome, please telephone: Personnel Director Iain Donaldson on 01634 884422 Personnel Officer, Marie Cook on 01634 884736 The College is committed to Equal Opportunities and to selection on merit. It welcomes applications from all sections of society.We particularly welcome and encourage applications from under represented groups including black, Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunity employer minority ethnic and disabled people.
To apply/more information:
Marie Cook
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 884736
Email rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

Trainer Demonstrator - Animal Care and Land Based

Canterbury
Salary: £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
18.5 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: TD13
Tel: 01227 811282
(24 hour answephone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

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Trainer Demonstrator - Maths/Physics

Canterbury
Salary: £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
27.75 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: TD17
Tel: 01227 811282
(24 hour answephone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Trainer Demonstrator - Sport, Leisure, Travel and Tourism

Canterbury
Salary: starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008 at 12noon
18.5 hours per week. For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office quoting the post reference. Staff benefits include pensions and life assurance, generous holiday allowance, sports hall and gym, close to City Centre, proximity to mainbus/train stations and staff discount scheme.
To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 04/106
Tel: 01227 811282
(24 hour answephone)
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Unqualified Tutor

Dartford
Salary: £14,751 to £23,331 per annum 3 year temporary contract
Closing Date: Midday, 24th September 2008
The Gravesend and Dartford Alternative Curriculum PRU is a newly re-established Pupil Referral Unit providing for disengaged and disaffected Key Stage 4 young people. It provides an innovative and exciting curriculum for students within a diverse and stimulating working environment. We are committed to delivering a high quality and genuinely imaginative education, focussed on the needs of young people. Posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Alternatively, phone or email us quoting the relevant reference number.
To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0462
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email
recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Service Engineer and Installation Engineer

Kent
Salary: Salary Negotiable
To maintain and install all types of Amusement and gaming Equipment in the South East England Area. Company Vehicle Supplied. Current driving Licence required. Please note that only short-listed candidates will receive a reply. Contact Colin Miles.
To apply/more information:
Colin Miles
Ivor Thomas Amusements Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0845 50615050
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Skilled Shift Fitters

Gillingham
Salary: tba
Closing Date: 3rd Oct 08
This progressive international company has a requirement for skilled engineering fitters, to help maintain its mixed vehicle fleet in the gillingham and swale area. These roles are full time, include shift work and will at times require the successful applicants to work unsupervised in maintaining our vehicle fleet to the highest standards of safety and quality. Key responsibilities include: *In depth knowledge of goods vehicles or passenger carrying vehicles (PCV's) with appropriate qualifications. *High quality vehicle maintenance, cleanliness and presentation standards. *Flexible approach to hours of work. *Self Motivated. *Good report writing skills. *Adherence to all H&S matters. To apply, please send a covering letter, your CV giving details of your relevant experience and qualifications to: Mr A Henry, District Engineering Manager, Arriva Southern Counties, Nelson Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 4LN.
To apply/more information:
Arriva Southern Counties
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Health & Safety, Security, Defense

NURSE PRACTITIONERS

Kent
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 10th October 2008
South East Health Ltd is a dynamic, growing organisation, commissioned by several Primary Care Trusts in Kent and Sussex to deliver an impressive range of unscheduled care services to a resident population base of around 2.2 million. In order to meet the needs of patients we require experienced nurses to join the following nursing teams: NURSE PRACTITIONERS Nurses with minor illness/injury experience are required to work alongside our GP workforce at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford for daytime and out-of-hours shifts as part of our A&E Front Ending Project. We also require experienced minor Illness nurses to work within our Out of Hours clinical bases within East Kent including Sittingbourne and the Isle of Sheppey. Nurses will provide assessment and treatment for patients with urgent care needs, supported by PGD's and prescribing skills where appropriate.
To apply/more information:
Caroline Weetch
South East Health Clinical Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 376092
Email
caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk

SECURITY OFFICERS

Dover
Salary: £6.50 P/H. 40 hours per week
RETAIL SECURITY OFFICERS WANTED IN THE DOVER AREA 5 year checkable work history & SIA license is essential. £6.50 P/H. 40 hours per week. Uniform is provided. Call 08700 622 451 opt 3.
To apply/more information:
Aspro (UK) Ltd Security Systems
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 08700 622 451 opt 3
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

SITE TEAM MEMBER (Safety and Security)

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th September 2008
You will be part of a team responsible for site security and site maintenance. Along with some supervision of students at lunchtimes and out of school hours. The successful applicant will be required to be flexible, patient and well organized. Basic 'handyman' skills are essential. You will have to provide an Enhanced CRB disclosure for which the employer will pay. Hours: 12.00pm – 8.00pm Further details are available from: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4ED.
To apply/more information:
Miss S Spratley
Pent Valley Tech
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 277161 ext 2218
Email samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk

HR, Recruitment

Recruitment and Training Officers

Kent
Salary: Starting salary £20,061
Closing Date: 23rd September 2008
West Kent and East Kent KEY Training Services deliver an exciting range of innovative training programmes to people aged 14-upwards. As one of the largest workbased training providers in Kent, we offer a wide range of Vocational and Pre-vocational programmes and qualifications across 5 centres in Kent. Working with KEY provides you with excellent Professional Development Opportunities. Our Open Door programme is an innovative confidence and motivational course, which provides young people aged 16-25 with the skills they need for further training and employment. This postion is learner focused, fast paced, and above all rewarding. To succeed, you will need to be able to deliver motivational and confidence training, whilst supporting, guiding and developing young people and engaging and encouraging employers to support young people in work placements. Developing, implementing and researching new training ideas along with responding to change and using your initiative, will all be part of your remit. If you have these competencies we would like you to join our team. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.
To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CMY/08/0210
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email
recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

DESPATCH PICKER

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Successful Ashford Company requires up to four people to join our Despatch Picking team. The role involves selecting and picking plants for customer orders and packing plants ready for transporting. You will be: Working with plants Working with people in a team Working to deadlines The successful candidate will be able to work under pressure, work on their own and within a team which has a "can do" attitude. Some knowledge of plants and Latin names will be an advantage as will a fork lift truck ticket. Good physical fitness and good numeracy is also required. Induction training will be given. Usually 5 days a week Mon-Fri 7.30 to 17.00 but occasionally longer working – the job is not finished till its done and lorry's loaded. In addition there can be some Saturday (morning) working. We offer a very varied working day, good team spirit and plenty of fresh air as well as good rates of pay and rewards for good performance. Applications in writing please, in letter, email (shawn@palmstead.co.uk) or ask for an application form from the office or download one from our web site. For an informal talk speak to Shawn Putland (01233 811307) or Steve Piddock. Please respond to this advert by close of business Monday 6th October 2008 or before. Palmstead Nurseries, Harville Road, Wye, Ashford Kent TN25 5EU palmstead.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Steve Piddock
Palmstead Nurseries Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 811307
Email shawn@palmstead.co.uk
Leisure, Tourism, Travel

SKI INSTRUCTORS

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
SKI INSTRUCTORS Required at Realli-Ski, Barham. Are you an experienced skier/boarder of 10 weeks+, perhaps already qualified? Full & Part time positions starting Oct. www.realli-ski.com 0845 83 82 811.
To apply/more information:
Realli Ski Sports Wear Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0845 83 82 811
Email
applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Management, Senior Positions

Deputy Managers

Maidstone
Salary: up to £22,980 plus £27 per sleep in allowance
Closing Date: 6 October
Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for: Deputy Managers As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home. Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for this role. These positions comes with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer. If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01536 509209 for an application pack or email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk. You can also access our recruitment web page on www.castlecaregroup.co.uk
Closing date for completed applications: 6th October
Interviews will take place during week commencing: 13th October.
To apply/more information:
Castlecare
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01536 509209
Email
slitman@castlehomes.co.uk

New Start Manager

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 5pm,Tuesday 30th September 2008
With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 10,000 students of all ages. The purpose of the job is to manage the New Start centres and teams to deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme for the students.You will hold responsibility for all operational aspects of the New Start programme in line with the Directorate's operational plan and assist the Learning Manager in the management of the centre. 37 hours per week. For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk
To apply/more information:
South Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: T1361
Tel: 0845 207 8222
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

Registered Manager

Maidstone
Salary: up to £22,980 plus £27 per sleep in allowance
Closing Date: 6 October
Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for: Registered Manager (Salary up to £33,900 plus bonus) As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home. Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for this role. This position comes with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer. If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01536 509209 for an application pack or email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk. You can also access our recruitment web page on www.castlecaregroup.co.uk
Closing date for completed applications: 6th October
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Email
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Residential Support Workers

Maidstone
Salary: up to £15,500 plus £27 per sleep in allowance
Closing Date: 6 October
Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for: Residential Support Workers As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home. Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for this role. These positions comes with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer. If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01536 509209 for an application pack or email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk. You can also access our recruitment web page on www.castlecaregroup.co.uk
Closing date for completed applications: 6th October
Interviews will take place during week commencing: 13th October.
To apply/more information:
Castlecare
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01536 509209
Email
slitman@castlehomes.co.uk

Senior Residential Support Workers

Maidstone
Salary: (up to £20,040 plus £27 per sleep in allowance)
Closing Date: 6 October
Extraordinary People doing an Extraordinary Job One of the country's leading providers of education and residential care for vulnerable young people are now recruiting. Due to expansion, our homes near Maidstone, Meopham and Bromley currently have vacancies for: Senior Residential Support Workers As part of the team of carers, you will work closely with the young people, providing 24 hour intensive care and support within the home. Ideal applicants will have had experience as a residential childcare practitioner or in education. You will need appropriate qualifications and experience to be considered for this role. These positions comes with an excellent benefits package and we take pride in the training and career opportunities we offer. If you feel you have the skills and experience to succeed in any of these roles, please telephone our 24 hour recruitment hotline on 01536 509209 for an application pack or email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk. You can also access our recruitment web page on www.castlecaregroup.co.uk
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Tel: 01536 509209
Email
slitman@castlehomes.co.uk

The Royal School of Military Engineering (Chatham) Faculty Managers

Chatham
Salary: Salary circa £40,000 + PRP
Closing Date: 26th September 2008
The Royal School of Military Engineering (RSME) trains in excess of 8,000 soldiers per year in construction and engineering skills. Currently we are looking for a number of Faculty Managers to lead successful teams of instructors in the following areas: • Design Faculty – includes responsibility for draughtsmen, surveyors and construction materials testing courses • Building Faculty – includes responsibility for building and construction, carpentry and joinery and structural finishing courses • Electrical Faculty – includes responsibility for all electrical courses • Engineering Services Faculty – includes responsibility for all heating and plumbing, air conditioning and refrigeration and fabrication courses These are key appointments reporting directly to the Head of Division and the successful candidates

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will need to demonstrate the ability to manage multidisciplinary instructional teams to achieve high quality teaching and high pass rates in all course programmes within their faculty. For the Construction and Engineering Faculty Managers posts you will be a qualified and experienced engineer or tradesperson preferably with an education or training background, although this is not essential.
To apply/more information:
Marie Cook
Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 884736
Email rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk

Marketing, Advertising

Database and Marketing Administrator
Tonbridge
Salary: Competitive Salary
Closing Date: Friday 26th September 2008
Full-time / Part-time. We require an enthusiastic individual to join our highly successful team. You will be responsible for improving the utilisation of our database and co-ordinating marketing communications to customers and potential customers on behalf of the Centre. The successful candidate will work closely with the Centre management team but will also need to be able to work on their own initiative.You will need to be self motivated, customer focused and have excellent communication skills. A knowledge of Kerridge is preferable as is previous experience working in a similar role. Please send your CV to Stephen Lay, General Sales Manager, Porsche Centre Tonbridge, Brook Farm, Five Oak Green Road, Tonbridge, TN11 0QN or email.
To apply/more information:
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email careers@porschetonbridge.co.uk

Motor Trade, Driver

SERVICE/AFTER SALES MANAGER
Canterbury
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 10 October 2008
Following the continued growth of our after sales departments both in Ashford and Canterbury, and with an appetite to continue this trend, it has been decided that this will be best achieved by having an individual focus on each site. We have a business need to achieve a high level of absorption along with above average level of customer retention including the 4+ market, therefore the right candidate will not only need to continue to financially deliver the high levels we are used to, but be in a position to develop, motivate and drive the team forward, whilst keeping a clear focus on offering an "outstanding customer experience" in line with the brand expectations and that of our customers. If you feel you are the right calibre person for the job, email a copy of your CV in the first instance or apply in writing to Mr Ray Kemp, Dealer Principal, Broad Oak BMW, Broad Oak Road, Canterbury CT2 7PX. No Agencies please.
To apply/more information:
Ray Kemp
Barretts of Canterbury
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email ray.kemp@broadoak.bmw-net.co.uk

Taxi Drivers
Sittingbourne
Salary: TBA
Full & part time taxi drivers required. www.a2cabs.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Elaine
A2 Cabs Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 431500
Email elaine@a2cabs.co.uk

Trainee Parts Advisor
Tonbridge
Salary: Competitive salary package
Closing Date: Friday 26th September 2008
We are looking to recruit a Trainee Parts Advisor to join our successful and busy Parts Department. This role requires attention to detail and would ideally suit someone who has a friendly, outgoing personality. Previous experience is not necessary as full training will be given. The ideal candidate will be of smart appearance, computer literate, have a pleasant telephone manner and be able to work on their own initiative as a key member of a hard working team. A clean driver's licence is essential. Please send your CV to John Hosking, Parts Manager, Porsche Centre Tonbridge, Brook Farm, Five Oak Green Road, Tonbridge, TN11 0QN or email us.
To apply/more information:
John Hosking
Porsche Centre Tonbridge
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email careers@porschetonbridge.co.uk

Not for profit, Charities

Volunteers
Sittingbourne
Salary: none
Jo has moved to the area with a new baby and a toddler and would really appreciate some support and advice from an experienced parent. She would also like to know about parks and other activities that she could take the children to. Could you volunteer and help JO? All of our volunteers are parents, they attend a free, interesting and informative Induction Programme, one day a week for eight weeks, before being introduced to a family. To find out more you can visit our web site http://home.btconnect.com/Home- Start_Swale or phone 01795 429007.
To apply/more information:
Homestart Sittingbourne & Sheppy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 429007
Email info@jobsforkent.co.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Carer
Herne Bay
Salary: Starting salary £6.24-£6.86 p.h
HMT Care is dedicated to the care of people diagnosed within the spectrum of neuro-disability, particularly HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE. We provide an holistic and person-centred approach to care and require dedicated and committed staff to work with us. Duties will include personal care and day-to-day assistance and support of residents. A competitive salary, promotion prospects, accredited specialist training, together with NVQ opportunities, is our commitment to you. Previous experience and qualifications are an advantage, but are not essential. Part-time and full-time hours are available. Also part-time Nights. To request an application form and information please call weekdays between 10am and 4pm.
To apply/more information:
Nana or Paul
HMT Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 742992
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Dental Nurse
Maidstone
Salary: TBA
Please contact us for further information.
To apply/more information:
Nicola
Marden Dental Surgery
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07736 648406
Email mardentsurg@btopenworld.com

NURSE ADVISORS
Ashford
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 10th October 2008
South East Health Ltd is a dynamic, growing organisation, commissioned by several Primary Care Trusts in Kent and Sussex to deliver an impressive range of unscheduled care services to a resident population base of around 2.2 million. In order to meet the needs of patients we require experienced nurses to join the following nursing teams: For an application pack or an informal discussion with the locality manager please contact Caroline Weetch, HR Assistant on 01732 376092 or e-mail caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk Closing date for receipt of application: 10th October 2008 South East Health is an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information:
Caroline Weetch,
South East Health Clinical Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 376092
Email caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk

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Ashford
Salary: TBA
Applicants must have their own vehicle. We offer flexible shifts, which include mornings, evenings and weekends. We provide full training, uniform, equipment, CRB check and weekly pay at good rates.
To apply/more information:
Country Folk Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01797 361889
Email countryfolkcare@hotmail.co.uk

RGNs and OH advisers
Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Premier Occupational Healthcare continues to experience an exciting period of growth. As a result we are seeking to recruit into the ollowing roles to join our existing Occupational Health team: RGNs and OH advisers Hours : Full and part time • Both roles are based in Folkestone but do require the ability to travel. • Self Motivation • Professionalism • Excellent communication and IT skills For an on-line application form please e.mail a covering letter plus your CV to jan.pethick@premierohc.co.uk Alternatively if you do not have access to a computer, please send your CV and covering letter to: Jan Pethick Premier Occupational Healthcare, Premier House, Shearway Business Park, Pent Road, Folkestone, Kent CT19 4RJ Please visit our website: www.premierohc.co.uk Premier Occupational Healthcare is an equal opportunities employer and Investors in People.
To apply/more information:
Jan Pethick
Premier Occupational Healthcare
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email jan.pethick@premierohc.co.uk

STAN (SINGLE TELEPHONE ACCESS NUMBER)
Ashford
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 10th October 2008
South East Health Ltd is a dynamic, growing organisation, commissioned by several Primary Care Trusts in Kent and Sussex to deliver an impressive range of unscheduled care services to a resident population base of around 2.2 million. In order to meet the needs of patients we require experienced nurses to join the following nursing teams: The STAN service has been commissioned by PCT's and is staffed by a team of experienced nurses and skilled support staff. We require nurses to join our team working between 8am and 8pm at our Ashford Call Centre to help plan patient care alongside GP's ensuring appropriate transfers of care for patients. For an application pack or an informal discussion with the locality manager please contact Caroline Weetch, HR Assistant on 01732 376092 or e-mail caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk Closing date for receipt of application: 10th October 2008 South East Health is an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information:
Caroline Weetch,
South East Health Clinical Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 376092
Email caroline.weetch@sehnp.nhs.uk

Support Worker
Thanet
Salary: TBA
East Kent Mencap JOB DESCRIPTION Disabled Applicants who meet the minimum criteria will be offered an interview in every circumstance Support Worker: Day Services Responsible to: Manager- Day Services / Team Leader Areas of responsibility: Day Centre, Associated Satellites and Clubs Purpose of Post: Supporting the Day Services Manager to provide efficient and effective management of unit as described above. Main Duties and Responsibilities: Comply with conditions and criteria as set by Contracts and Planning / Day Service Action Plan Compliance with conditions of placement Provide advice to Service Users on issues of welfare, Community Activities and Resources Maintain Service User assessment and development programmes using appropriate documentation. Develop appropriate assessments to meet new service opportunitiesEnsure that care/support packages are maintained and provide up to date information on identified deficits Ensure that effective communication and paperwork is maintained Liaise with other professionals to maintain and develop services Provide regular service reviews with Service Users Assist Service Users in developing Person Centred outcomes Ensure that Service User consultation is facilitated enabling full involvement in decision making processes Review personal risk and complete appropriate documentation Assist Day Services Manager in the Development of Business/Development Plans and evaluate services against pre-set criteria Ensure that all Policies/Protocols/Procedures are maintained/adhered to Implement policies/Protocols/Procedures and inform Day Services Manager of deficits in order to maintain development Comply with Data Protection Act and Equal Opportunities Policy Comply with all Employment legislation Comply with all Health and Safety legislation. Conduct risk assessments and impart information to relevant parties. Evaluate effectiveness and provide information to the Day Services Manager Support and participate in the provision of training packages Maintain Service User files ensuring up to date records Prepare reports on all associated information as required by the Day Services Manager/Team Leader Support Day Services Manager/Team Leader in the development and modernisation of services Undertake additional reasonable duties within the scope of the post THIS JOB DESCRIPTION CAN BE MODIFIED (WITHIN THE GENERAL CONFINES OF THE POST AND ORGANISATION) IN NEGOTIATION WITH THE EMPLOYEE AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST DICTATES Disabled Applicants who meet the minimum criteria will be offered an interview in every circumstance
To apply/more information:
Lynda Salisbury
East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 224482
Email lynda.salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Waking Night Residential Support Workers
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To apply/more information:
Castlecare
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01536 509209
Email slitman@castlehomes.co.uk

YOUNG PERSONS' DRUG AND ALCOHOL WORKER (EARLY INTERVENTION/TIER 2)
Medway
Salary: SCP 25 - 33, £20,736 - £26,835 (pay award pending)
Closing Date: Monday 29th September 2008
Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people. You will be involved in a range of community based services for young people who use/misuse drugs, or are at risk of doing so. This will include early intervention and prevention initiatives with targeted groups of young people through giving advice and information, raising awareness and educating them about the risks of using drugs. Much of this will be carried out though group work and presentations, with some one to one work. It will include working closely with other agencies and professionals. You need to have good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication and engagement skills, casework skills, and the ability to be creative and innovative. Proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users is a prerequisite. Essential Car User Allowance up to £1056 For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Interview date: Friday 10th October 2008 KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. www.kca.org.uk.
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Public Sector, Social Services

Community Health Networker - Men's mental health and well
Gravesend
Salary: Salary: Circa £18,000 - £21,000
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
Could you inspire men to talk about their health? We are looking for someone who has the ability to use innovative methods to collect views and opinions from young men, men out of work and men over the age of 50 and 60 on their mental health. Based at the Gr@nd and working across the Borough of Gravesham the post holder will carry out a needs assessment on the potential inequalities in health and wellbeing for the target groups and write a report on how these needs can be addressed. You will be of degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues specific to men's health and wellbeing. Community development experience is an essential requirement of the post. Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend work will be required. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check.
To apply/more information:
Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: CHNMH/JB
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

Community Support Worker
Rainham
Salary: Salary £18,038
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
West Kent is a high performing housing association providing excellent homes and services across Kent and we are a Sunday Times Best Company and a listed Top 100 small employer. In the role of Community Support Worker you will provide floating support to a group of vulnerable clients, who have previously received support from a Community Support Officer and are now ready to withdraw from the service. Your key role will be to help individuals become independent and make a fresh start. For this role you will need experience of supporting people in at least one of the following areas: mental health, learning disability, substance misuse, or vulnerable older people. You must have genuine commitment to make a difference and have a flexible approach. Excellent communication and motivational skills are essential as you will be working closely with a broad range of people. You will encourage self-sufficiency and independence while at the same time providing clients with the support and guidance they need to get back on their feet.You may also be required to give practical 'hands on' help in life skills in some cases. You must be well organised, able to work on your own initiative.
To apply/more information:
Clare Cornwell
West Kent Housing
Quoting Job Ref: MSF048
Tel: 01732 749451
Email clare.cornwell@wkha.org.uk

Early Years Advisory Teacher
Kent
Salary: Starting salary £29,920
Closing Date: 23rd September 2008
Homebased Working with the private and voluntary sector within the Shepway Rural locality, you will offer advice, support training and quality assurance. This post is suitable for a qualified teacher with Early Years experience, with an excellent understanding and working knowledge of the Foundation Stage Curriculum, and the needs of young children and their families. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and work with a wide range of providers and external agencies. Excellent communication skills are therefore essential as well as knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous. When applying please state if you are interested in a full time or part time position.
To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0446
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Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

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Networker - Health Inequalities, Rural areas
Gravesend
Salary: Salary: Circa £18,000 - £21,000
Closing Date: 29 September 2008
Are you passionate about enthusing others to lead a healthy lifestyle? In this exciting new post you will work across the Borough of Gravesham to research the need for, and deliver, a variety of initiatives aimed at reducing health inequalities in rural communities. You will be of degree calibre, with an understanding of health and health related issues. Community development experience is an essential requirement of the post. Some flexibility in terms of evening and weekend work will be required. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check.
To apply/more information:
Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: CHNHI/JB
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

Public Rights of Way Officer (Definitive Map Review)
Maidstone
Salary: £20,061-£29,920 per annum
Closing Date: Midday, 9th October 2008
(Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies) Kent County Council is seeking to appoint a Public Rights of Way Officer to join the busy Definitive Map Team, based at Maidstone. With over 6700km of public rights of way, Kent County Council manages the largest network in the country. It also has an excellent national reputation in service delivery, forward thinking and dynamic new initiatives. You will be responsible for assessing, investigating and promoting applications to add and amend public rights of way in accordance with the relevant legislation. You will be expected to liaise with the public, landowners and solicitors, carry out site inspections/meetings, historical research and attend Public Inquiries and Magistrates Courts when necessary. The post carries a high-volume workload so you will have an eye for detail and the ability to juggle numerous competing priorities and adapt readily to the use of new technology. You will also be a team player, educated to HND/Degree level or equivalent in a related subject. The post requires a high level of motivation, good knowledge of rights of way law and practice and related countryside access issues along with excellent organisational and communication skills. For more information, please call, email or visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs. Interview date: 14th November 2008.
To apply/more information:
Laura Wilkins
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: ER/08/0114
Tel: 0845 8247 904
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Salary: TBA
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Salary: tba
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Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Templer Way, Worth) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Thin Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Templer Way, Ashford from its junction with Chart Road to its junction with A20 Maidstone Road on or after 6 October 2008 for an estimated period of one week (19.30hrs - 05.00hrs) or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for HGV traffic over 4.1m/13'6" will be via A292 Maidstone Road, New Street, Somerset Road, Station Road, C142 Beaver Road, A2042 Romney Marsh Road, B2229 Norman Road, C142 Beaver Road, Beaver Lane, B2229 Brookfield Road and A28 Chart Road.

The route for non HGV vehicles under 4.1m/13'6" will be via A292 Maidstone Road, New Street and A28 Chart Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 6 October 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(The Street, Godmersham) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because inspection of railway bridge works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on The Street, Godmersham from the junction with Ashford Road to the junction with Olantigh Road, on or after 8 October 2008, for an estimated period of one day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Canterbury Road, Bramble Lane, Churchfield Way, High Street and Olantigh Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(WHITEHILL, CHALLOCK) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on White Hill from the junction of the A28 to the junction of the A251 on or after Monday 6th October 2008 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via the Faversham Road (A251), Wye Road and Canterbury Road (A28).

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to lay and repair cables, should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Bob Penfold on 07733122670.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A2018 SHEPHERDS LANE, DARTFORD) (EXPERIMENTAL CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SEGREGATED CYCLE TRACK) (B2174 PRINCES ROAD DARTFORD) (CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SHARED CYCLE TRACK) HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under sections 65 and 66 (1) of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, intends to install an experimental segregated cycle track on A2018 Shepherds Lane, Dartford and a shared cycle track on B2174 Princes Road, Dartford.

Kent Highway Services on behalf of the Kent County Council has secured funding from the 2007/08 Local Transport Plan to implement a segregated / shared pedestrian / cycle track adjacent to A2018 Shepherds Lane and B2174 Princes Road, Dartford. The installation of the scheme is to be carried out in two phases:

Phase 1

This phase consists of an experimental segregated pedestrian / cycle track on the A2018 Shepherds Lane from the existing access to Dartford Grammar School for Girls to the junction with the B2174 Princes Road and a shared un-segregated pedestrian / cycle track on the B2174 Princes Road from the junction with A2018 Shepherds Lane to the existing Toucan Crossing west of the junction with Heath Lane.

Phase 2

This phase forms part of proposals to create a continuous cycle track along the B2174 Princes Road. It consists of an un-segregated shared pedestrian / cycle track from the existing Toucan Crossing west of the junction with Heath Lane eastwards to its junction with A225 Lowfield Street.

Also forming part of this phase is the conversion of an existing footway on the south-eastern side of Heath Lane to a segregated pedestrian / cycle track from a point just north east of the junction with B2174 Princes Road for a distance of 27 metres.

Copies of the plan showing this proposal can be inspected during normal working hours at The Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XX and at Dartford Borough Council Offices, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

Anyone wishing to support these proposals, or object to them, should write to Diane Bourne, Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB, quoting the name of the Notice and reference No "B0826300" for A2018 Shepherds Lane, Dartford Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track and "B0922500" for B2174 Princes Road, Dartford shared Un-Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track and stating their reasons, by not later than Monday, 13 October 2008. Responses received after this date will not be included.

Schedule 1
(Conversion of Footway to Experimental Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track)

A2018 Shepherds Lane, Dartford on the south then south eastern side from a point 6.0 metres west of the eastern boundary of number 67 westwards then south westwards, to its junction with B2174 Princes Road.

Schedule 2
(Conversion of Footway to Shared Un-Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track)

B2174 Princes Road, Dartford on the north eastern side from its junction with A2018 Shepherds Lane south eastwards, to a point 55.5 metres east of the mid point of its junction with Highfield Road South.

Schedule 3
(Conversion of Footway to Segregated Pedestrian / Cycle Track)

Heath Lane, Dartford on the south eastern side from a point 10.0 metres north east of its junction with B2174 Princes Road north eastwards for a distance of 27.0 metres.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116 STOPPING UP OF WINGFIELD BANK, GRAVESHAM

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Dartford Magistrates Court on 22nd October 2008 at 2pm for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land at Wingfield Bank, Gravesend as shown in red colour on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit at, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent Highway Services at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX and upon request at the offices of Kent Highway Services at Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend. If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter please telephone Mr Andrew Smart at Kent Highway Services on 01622 798374 or email andy.smart@kent.gov.uk

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(TESTON LANE & LOWER ROAD, WEST FARLEIGH) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Teston Lane from outside the property Westchester carrying on into Lower Road to the junction of Ewell Lane, West Farleigh on or after Monday 6th October 2008 for a period of up to 8 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Teston Lane is eastbound traffic via A26 Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Road, B2015 Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, High Street, B2010 Yalding Hill, Smith's Hill and for westbound traffic visa versa. The alternative route for Lower Road is southbound traffic via Lower Road, Dean Street, B2163 Heath Road, Ewell Lane and for northbound traffic vice versa.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay new water mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone of Clancy Docwra on 01634 873290.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A249 DETLING HILL/ SITTINGBOURNE ROAD AT DETLING, THURNHAM AND STOCKBURY) (10MPH CONVOY WORKING SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic traveling at any speed greater than 10mph and the implementation of convoy working. This restriction will be at various locations as required between the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway and the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway in both directions.

The order will become effective on 22nd September 2008 and will be in operation at times when required over a period of 1 year when indicated by signage on site.

Interroute apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to facilitate resurfacing and detector loop installation. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Paul Stace on 01634 385500.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BARMING BRIDGE, BARMING) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by pedestrian traffic on Barming Bridge, Barming on or after 22nd September 2008 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until the works are completed, as indicated by signage on site.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound pedestrian traffic via public footpath KM4, Farleigh Bridge, Station Road, Lower Road, St Helens Lane and for northbound pedestrian traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused, which is necessary for bridge painting. Should you require any further information regarding these works the contact is Jon Adkins on 08458 247 800.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
HIGHLANDS HILL, SWANLEY (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Highlands Hill, Swanley between its junctions with Beechenlea Lane and School Lane

The Order will become effective on 22nd September 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to take 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Button Street, A20 London Road, B2173 London Road, B258 High Street, B258 Swanley Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate poling works by BT.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A20 Ashford Road, M20 junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, folkestone) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because highway safety works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on A20 Ashford Road, M20 junction 12 Cheriton Interchange, Folkestone from junction 12 roundabout to its junction with Newington Road on or after 2 October 2008 for an estimated period of 3 nights over a 3 week period or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A20 Ashford Road, B2068/M20 junction 11, A20 Ashford Road, A261 Hythe Road, London Road, A259 Military Road, Rampart Road, Seabrook Road, Sandgate Hill, Sandgate Road, Earles Avenue, Shorncliffe Road, Beachborough Road, Cheriton Road, Cheriton High Street and M20 junction 12 roundabout.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Hope Lane, Romney Marsh) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because bridge reconstruction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hope Lane, Romney Marsh from immediately either side of Paternosterford bridge on or after 6 October 2008 for an estimated period of 3 months or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cockreed Lane, Ashford Road, and Unnamed Road to the junction with Hope Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Kennards Lane & Brack Lane, Brookland) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because replacement of aerial phone cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Kennards Lane & Brack Lane, Brookland as described in column 1 of that schedule to this order on or after 11 October 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via for each road described in column 1 of the schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that schedule.

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Kennards Lane, Brookland.	From its junction with Brack Lane to its junction with Grove Lane.	Brack Lane and Grove Lane	11 October for up to 2 days.
Phase 2			
Brack Lane, Brookland.	From its junction with Grove Lane to its junction with Bowdell Lane.	Grove Lane and Bowdell Lane.	13 October for up to 3 days.

Highways - Borough of Swale

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BREDGAR) (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given by the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 82 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers, proposes to make an Order to extend the existing 30mph speed limit in the village of Bredgar. The roads, or lengths of road, affected are listed in the schedule to this notice. In addition, the Order will include those roads in the village of Bredgar already subject to a 30mph speed limit.

A copy of the proposed Order, and the associated documents may be inspected during normal office hours at Kent Highway Services Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, or at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Civic Centre, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME190 3HT. the documents may also be seen at Manns Place, Wrens Road, Bredgar, ME9 8AN (Bredgar Parish Council, contact Mr B. Willis).

Anyone wishing to support this proposal, or to object to it, should write to the Swale Transportation Manager, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH quoting reference Speed Limits/Bredgar stating their reasons, by not later than NOON Monday 13th October 2008.

THE SCHEDULE

C603 Primrose Lane, BREDGAR between a point 15 metres north of its southern junction with Rookery Close (existing terminal point) and a point 110 metres north of that junction.

C603 Swanton Street, BREDGAR between a point 180 metres south of Old Vicarage Close (existing terminal point) to a point 230 metres south of that junction.

Wrens Road, BREDGAR between a point 200 metres north of its junction with Gore Road (existing terminal point) and a point 555 metres north of that junction.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Adelaide Gardens, Ramsgate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Adelaide Gardens, Ramsgate from its junction with Albert Street to its junction with Liverpool on or after 7 October 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Albert Street and Liverpool Lawn.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(Addington Street, Ramsgate) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new water supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Addington Street, Ramsgate from its junction with Hertford Place to its junction with Addington Place on or after 22 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2054 Paragon, St Augustines Road, Grange Road, West Cliff Road, Hertford Street & Hertford Place.

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
Addington Street	From the junction with Hertford Place to its junction with Addington Place.	B2054 Paragon, St Augustines Road, Grange Road, West Cliff Road, Hertford Street & Hertford Place.
Addington Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Nelson Crescent and Addington Place.	N/A

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by Section 14 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 and all other enabling powers, hereby intends to make the following Order prohibiting and restricting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto :-

1. Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road (Necessary highway maintenance), that traffic on various roads in Tunbridge Wells in Column 1 of the schedule 1 hereto should be prohibited or restricted. The alternative route for each route is described in Column 2.

2. The works as cited in 1. above will also require the suspension of the bus lane on Mount Pleasant Road opposite the War Memorial and the prohibition of traffic other than buses and cycles going through the Five Ways bus gateway.

The provisions of the Kent County Council (A263 Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells) (Combined Cycle and Bus Lane) Order 2003 and the provisions of Articles 8 and 10 of the Kent County Council (Traffic Restrictions) (Five Ways) Order 1998. are hereby suspended whilst the provisions of this Order are in force.

3. Therefore, in exercise of its aforementioned powers, the Kent County Council hereby intends to make an order that:

a) Through traffic on the roads described in Column 1 of the Schedule 1 hereto should be prohibited as detailed.

b) The Mount Pleasant Road bus lane and Five Ways bus gateway is hereby suspended.

The order will come into operation on or after 7th October 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of up to18 months or until the works are completed. (Whichever is sooner).

4. This Order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (Various Roads in Tunbridge Wells) (Prohibition of Traffic) Temporary Order 2008".

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
A262 Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst From B2079 Balcombes Hill to A229 Angley Road.	Eastbound traffic via B2079 Balcombes Hill, Bedgebury Road, Lady Oak Lane, A21 London Road, A268 Hawkhurst Road, High Street, A229 Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst Road, Hartley Road, Angley Road, A262 Goudhurst Road and Cranbrook Road, (and vice versa for Westbound Traffic).
Southbound traffic on A267 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells between A26 Mount Ephraim/St Johns Road to C389 Upper Grosvenor Road	Southbound traffic - via A26 Mount Ephraim, London Road, A264 Church Road, A263 Mount Pleasant Road, A263 Grosvenor Road.
Suspension of the bus lane on Mount Pleasant Road, Tunbridge Wells opposite the War Memorial and the prohibition of traffic other than buses and cycles going through the Five Ways bus gateway.	Not Applicable
B2023 Prospect Road, Tunbridge Wells From Calverley Park Gardens to Bayham Road.	Southbound traffic via A264 Calverley Park Gardens, Crescent Road, A263 Mount Pleasant Road, B2023 Grove Hill Road (and vice versa for Northbound Traffic)

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(QUEENS ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (TEMPORARY ONE-WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic traveling in a north-eastbound direction on Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. This restriction will be introduced in sections between the junctions of Upper Grosvenor Road and St John's Road. The order will become effective on or after Monday 6th October 2008 and will be in operation at times when required over a period of 12 weeks when indicated by signage on site or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for north-eastbound traffic is via St John's Road, Grosvenor Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, then either Park Road, Chilston Road/Dunstan Road depending on the stage of the works.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

For further information, please contact Geoff Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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The Insolvency Act 1986
WIPERIAN LIMITED
(Company Number 05987345)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Bridgewood Manor, Bridgewood Roundabout, Walderslade Woods, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9AX, on 6 October 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98 et seq. Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the registered office of the Company at 2-3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, before the Meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, not later than 12.00 noon on 3rd October 2008 together with an up to date statement of account to enable Creditors to vote.
The Resolutions to be taken at the Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the basis upon which the Liquidator is to be remunerated and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Begbies Traynor, 2/3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days proceeding the meeting of creditors.
Dated: 15 September 2008
W E D Cooper, Director

D M EXHIBITION SERVICES LIMITED
Company No: 05576904

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above named company will be held at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5DB, on 30 September 2008 at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above meeting must be lodged, accompanied by Statements of Claim, at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5DB not later than 12.00 noon on the business day prior to the date of the meeting.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Nedim Ailyan and Andrew Tate of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent, DA14 5DB are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated: 26 August 2008
By Order of the Board
David Miall, Chairman

FASTPARTS MOTOR FACTORS LTD
Company Number 03577323

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Kent Space, 6-8 Revenge Road Lordswood, Chatham, ME5 8UD on Wednesday 8 October 2008 at 1.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
The resolutions at the meeting of creditors may include a resolution specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting may receive information about, or be asked to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5ER on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
Dated: 5 September 2008
By Order of the Board
Elaine Mackie, Director

JRV LTD
(Company Number 2967110)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Kent Space, 6-8 Revenge Road, Lordswood, Chatham, ME5 8UD, on Wednesday 8 October 2008, at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
The Resolutions at the Meeting of Creditors may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated. The Meeting may receive information about, or be asked to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting.
Pursuant to Section 98(2) of the Act, a list of names and addresses of the Company's Creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carmichael & Co, 5th Floor, City Wharf, New Bailey Street, Manchester M3 5ER, on the two business days falling next before the day of the Meeting.
Dated:11 September 2008
By Order of the Board
John Harvey, Director



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Bye bye Vectra – time for a change

By **STEVE LOADER**

VAUXHALL is about to test Ford in two ways.

Firstly, the new Vauxhall Insignia looks like a threat to German executive models let alone Ford's latest and more upmarket third generation Mondeo.

Secondly, will the Vauxhall send an important message to buyers that here is something different and worth checking out, by dropping the proven Vectra model name?

And the new Insignia will underline the name change with a radically simplified and updated version of the Vauxhall badge.

We have yet to drive the car, but previews 'in the metal' confirm that it is more compact and even better looking.

And though GM clearly intends to attack executive marques like BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Audi, the Insignia will start from just £15,935 – £500 less than the outdated Vectra that it replaces.

It is a stunning price for a sleek new car with an impressively low drag factor (Cd) of 0.27 and the sort of four-door coupe styling increasingly popular at this level. It also catches the eye with a distinctive 'signature' line – Vauxhall calls it a 'blade' – behind the front wheel arch.

This feature will not be unique for much longer as Vauxhall revealed this week that a version will also appear on the next-generation Astra.

And the Insignia's sharpness may dull after we see battalions on our motorways,



but the svelte newcomer is sure to slow sales for its biggest and rather less stylish looking rival, the Ford Mondeo.

The car will be available initially as a hatchback or saloon, but a sporty estate has also been revealed that is more 'lifestyle' than load-lugger – the final Vectra was a huge car built upon the stretched wheelbase used for the Vectra's ill-fated Signum prestige spin-off.

The power range at launch should keep most buyers happy, with a mix of diesels and petrol from 130 to 260PS (128-257bhp) and all meeting stringent Euro V emissions standards.

Not surprisingly, front-wheel drive is standard but Vauxhall seems keen to add to the car's sporty aura by offering Audi-style all-wheel drive as a performance option.

This version will also have a 'FlexRide' chassis system with 'Adaptive Stability Technology' to help the car continually adjust to prevailing road conditions. The driver can also select settings to match his or her mood. FlexRide is available on front-wheel drive versions too.

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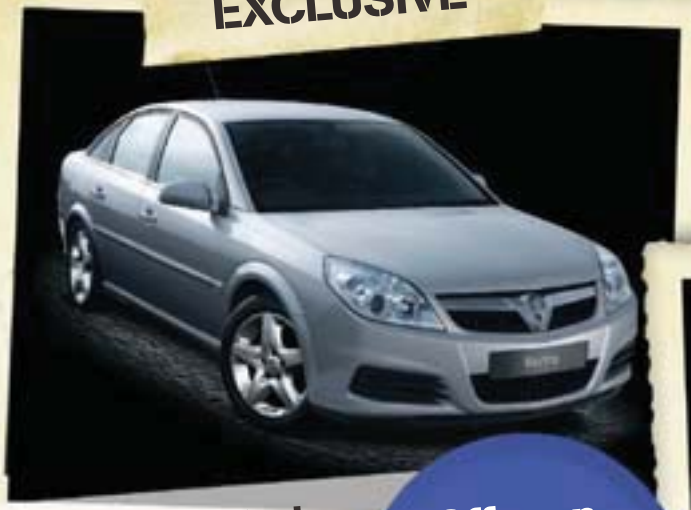
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Soaring Sirion sales given luxurious boost

DOWNSIZING is the motor trade buzz-word and Daihatsu has a solution for those who want to without losing big car comforts – a high-spec upgrade on its best-seller, the Sirion supermini (from £7,995).

Opting for the Sirion + package bringing a large electric sun-roof with rain-sensor, front fog lamps, side protection mouldings, leather steering wheel and leather gear knob.

The + treatment costs £895 except on the top-of-the-range Sirion 1.5 SX, which carries a £725 surcharge.

Not that Sirions are poorly equipped; even the entry level 1.0 S comes with air con, ABS with electronic brake distribution, front and side airbags, CD audio, four electric windows and remote central locking.

The UK's chillier motoring environment has boosted Sirion sales 40 per cent this year; the 1.0-litre model can return over 60mpg, qualifies for the lowest road tax band (£35/year) and is covered by Daihatsu's standard five-year unlimited mileage warranty and UK roadside recovery.

Two new Subaru boxers set to slug it out in the diesel market

SUBARU has unveiled new boxer turbodiesel versions of its Forester crossover 4x4 (pictured) and latest generation Impreza hatchback.

As our recent Driving road test of the existing Subaru Outback diesel revealed, this smooth, refined yet powerful 2.0-litre unit has been worth the wait.

It upholds Subaru's great tradition of horizontally opposed (boxer) engines, marks its diesel debut and is the first-ever 'oil burning' boxer engine on the car market.

By rapidly increasing the availability of this excellent engine with these two new variants, Subaru should also get rapid return on its investment after struggling for sales with a previously all-petrol line-up as the UK and European markets 'went diesel'.

The Forester is onsale now, but Impreza fans may have to wait until the new year for their diesel.



Now Merc tries a coupe estate

FOR a brand once considered conservative, Mercedes-Benz now wastes no opportunity to be risqué.

The current line-up already includes the slinky SLK roadster and classy CLS four-door coupe and the three-pointed star is now teasing us with what can be best be described as a 'coupe estate' design.

The official billing is rather more exotic – it is the'ConceptFASCINATION' – and Mercedes-Benz says it wanted to show "a high level of practical usability and to create a coupé which appeals to the heart with fast, thrilling lines."

Will it be built? Don't bet against it if motor show plaudits are good enough.



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TOYOTA AVENSIS: Reliable and affordable on used market

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Great deals thanks to market upheaval

BRITAIN'S motor market is going through a real shake-up at the moment prompted by soaring fuel prices, higher taxes, the credit crunch and faltering consumer confidence.

And we have questioned whether it now makes much sense to buy a diesel for its better fuel economy when you pay a premium to buy it and then fill up at the pumps.

The point has been echoed by market watchers at Parker's Car Price Guide which said: "Buyers should no longer assume that if they choose a new diesel car it will automatically claw back the premium paid compared with the petrol version in better fuel consumption.

"With diesel fuel around 12p more per litre at the pumps, and a greater number of diesel cars appearing on the used market shrinking the return in resale values, drivers really do need to be covering high mileages."

As an example, a typical diesel family model like the Vauxhall Astra 1.7 CDTi Club costs £1,285 more to buy than a petrol 1.6 Club. The cost of fuel over 60,000 miles is almost £900 more on the petrol than the diesel.

The diesel is expected to be worth £480 more after three years and 60,000 miles. Therefore, the advantage of the diesel over this period is less than £100. Drive fewer than 55,000 miles in this period and the petrol has an advantage.

Warranty

Parker's has also picked on smart deals in the market now, especially in the small car sector where demand is tending to firm or boost prices.

A favourite is the Hyundai Getz supermini, to be replaced in a few months by the new i20 and now available from £5,995 with Hyundai's usual five-year/unlimited mileage warranty. The entry model Getz GSi is capable of more than 50mpg and comes with air con, electric windows, a CD/radio, driver and passenger airbags and central locking.

Meanwhile, the guide's used car experts have picked on another Korean bargain – a used Kia Picanto city car.

We would argue that it is not the most butch motor on the road, but it costs little to run or fuel, comes with good standard kit, has five doors and even the oldest will be no more than four years old – yet a good one can be bought for £2,500 says Parker's.

At the other end of the scale, the freefall affecting the once all-conquering family car or 'Mondeo sector' means that new but pre-registered Peugeot 407 models are astonishing value.

The French car's case has not been helped by a facelift, leaving older stock looking their age and hunting desperately for owners.

Parkers has found some, even at Peugeot dealers, for as little as £11,000, with two 2.0-litre HDi S models for £10,950 on '08 plates and delivery mileage only. List price for these cars was more than £17,000.

Trailing shots of a more muscular looking Toyota Avensis for next year is also easing used values for current version of this family model – one of the most reliable cars on the road, says Parkers. Early examples with sensible mileages are now down below £4,000.

Parkers also highlights predictably keen deals across the 4x4 and big car markets new and used.

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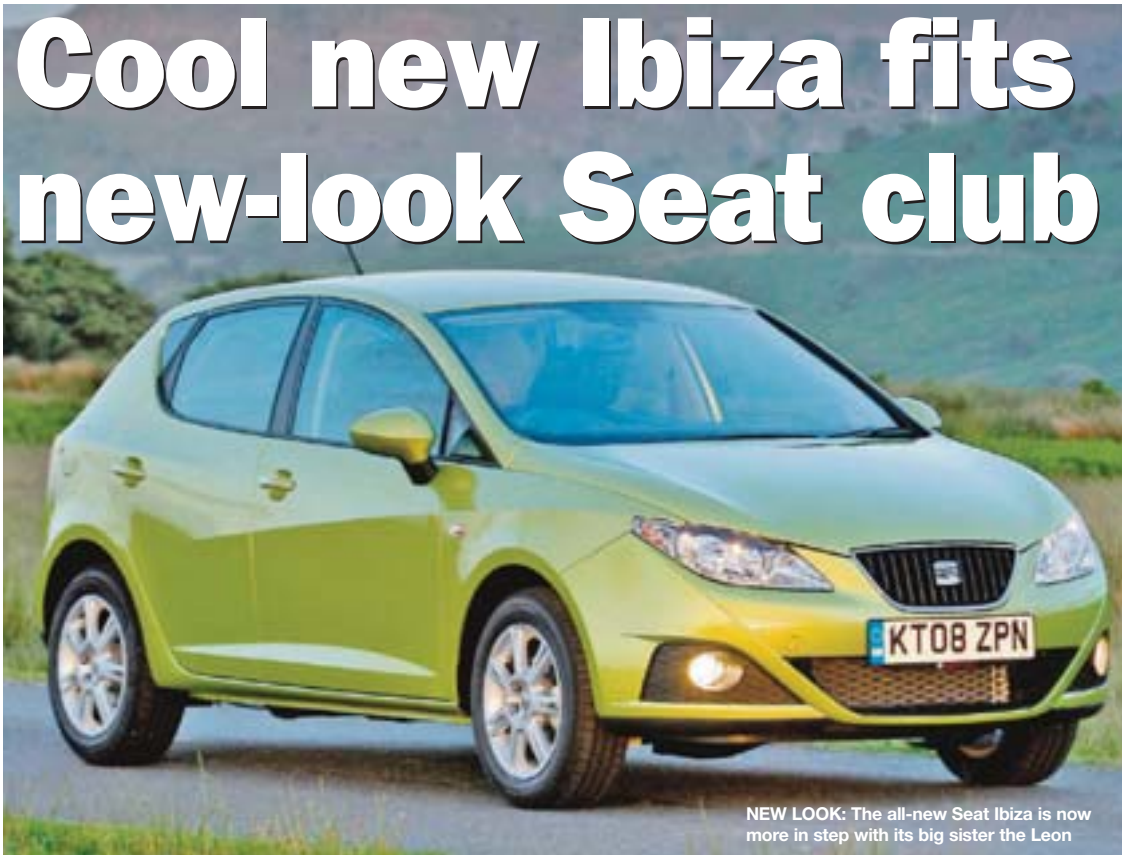
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Cool new Ibiza fits new-look Seat club

Seat Ibiza



NEW LOOK: The all-new Seat Ibiza is now more in step with its big sister the Leon

LEAVING aside the creaky old Alhambra MPV, Seat has completed a stylish overhaul of its range.

The main models now have the corporate face: neat rounded trapezoidal grille and sweeping headlamps and the Spanish marque's 'dynamic line' sweeping the flanks.

It has been a dramatic transformation, underpinning Seat's 'Auto Emocion' marketing.

The final piece in the jigsaw – yes, we are ignoring the Alhambra since it was never a true Seat but a VW/Ford co-operation – is the all-new Ibiza.

The old car was quite a star to drive, but its rounded lines were increasingly out of step with the edgy and even brutal styling of the Leon family hatch-cum-coupe and the various sporty Altea MPVs.

But this new five-door – a three-door SportCoupe arrives shortly – fits the new regime perfectly.

Seat opted for a scaled up replacement, in the style of other 'supersize' superminis like the Vauxhall Corsa, Peugeot 207 and Renault Clio – no doubt leaving room for a future city car contender to slot in below.

The result is a relatively big and comfortable new model, with capacious boot, starting at £300 less than the outgoing entry-level 1.2 Ibiza Reference Sport five-door.

The range is easier to understand too; out go the distinctive yet confusing Reference, Reference Sport and Stylance trim levels, in favour of the more widely-understood S, SE and Sport labels.

All but one of five launch models also fits road tax Band-C (£120/year), though don't rule out a punt later at Band-B (£35/year) and even A (free) – the old shape frugal low emission Ibiza Ecomotive qualifies for the latter and a replacement is on the stocks.

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However, there is nothing exceptional about standard spec as tested here and you have to move up to SE to get air con and alloys thrown in, not to mention 'basics' like body-coloured door mirrors and handles; electrically-adjustable and heated door mirrors and electric windows all round.

Sport versions fit the bill though, with sports suspension and seats, arch-filling 16-inch alloy wheels and leather-clad steering wheel and gear knob.

Seat has created a series of affordable add-ons packs for popular options too, though this does undermine the boast that the new range opens at £300 less than its predecessor.

Nevertheless, a £250 'convenience pack' for SE and Sport models is attractive, throwing in rear parking sensors, rain-sensing wipers, auto-dimming rear view mirror and 'coming home' headlight function.

The omission of ESP (electronic stability programme) as standard on the range is also offset by another package offering this and other safety/driving features for just £280.

Nevertheless, strip the new car backs to basics, as in our test, and you appreciate what a good car it is to drive, helped by a relatively long wheelbase and wide stance that also delivers a good ride.

The space between the axles also aids cabin space, although Seat's Achilles Heel slightly spoils the effect; I don't know whether it is corporate bean counters or a Spanish desire to lavish attention on flashy exteriors rather than the interiors, but I'm not bowled over by the cabin features.

To be fair, it feels more robust than the old car, but lacks the 'flash' that could clinch the deal with younger buyers attracted initially by the exciting lines of the car.

The 1.2-litre three-cylinder petrol engine tested here and carried over from before is also showing its age and lack of refinement and go. With the resources of the VW Group behind Seat though, we can surely expect an upgrade on that front soon.

DrivingStats

- Seat Ibiza 1.2S five-door £8,995
- Range: test car-£11,295
- Garage stats: 4.05m by 1.69m five-door supermini
- Powertrain: 1,198cc/68bhp three-cylinder petrol engine driving front wheels through a five-speed gearbox
- Performance: top speed 101mph and 0-62mph in 15 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-C (£120/yr), CO2 emissions139g/km
- Official fuel figures: combined 47.9mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): *****
- Fuel tank: 45 litres/9.9 gallons
- Insurance group: 2
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles
- Website: www.seat.co.uk
- Rivals: Chevrolet Aveo.Kalos, Citroen C3, Daihatsu Sirion, Fiat Grande Punto, Ford Fiesta, Honda Jazz, Hyundai Getz, Kia Rio, Mazda2, Mitsubishi Colt, Nissan Micra, Perodua Myvi, Peugeot 207, Proton Satria, Renault Clio, Skoda Fabia, Subaru Justy, Suzuki Swift or Splash, Toyota Yaris, Vauxhall Corsa or Agila and VW Polo.

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6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X3, 2.0d SE, ej56pzc, mystic blue, 24685 miles, £14000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z4, 2.2i SE CONV, ax53oxf, grey, 66236 miles, £11000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CADILLAC

CTS, cts 3.6 sport luxury v6, 2005, light platinum with black leather, 22379 miles, £12950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

CAPTIVA, LTX 2.0, gk08orw, finished in denim blue with black interior, blue, 4000 miles, £22995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, gf57nxr, finished in pearl black with black interior, black, 1000 miles, £5995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 5dr, gk56zlz, folding rear seats, anti-theft system, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, cd player, air conditioning, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 4000 miles, £6495, Automatically Ray Morris, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 5dr, bj08xdg, blue, 500 miles, £5995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

TACUMA, SX 1.6, gf56kcu, finished in blue with black cloth interior, blue, 3000 miles, £6995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7v8 auto estate, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green coachwork with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new. a snip at now £995 many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk, metallic green, low mileage miles, £only £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER,rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, traction control, cd player, radio, air conditioning, electric windows, electric mirrors, powered folding mirrors, abs, twin air bags, blue, 9600 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

COPEN, Activetop 1.3, 08/2008, red leather interior pas remote central locking rear spoiler dual exhaust pipes a/con electric windows rear wind deflector front fog lights sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles miles, £12370, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FOURTRACK ESTATE 4X4, 1999 (t), independent tdx estate 2.8 turbo diesel, 3 door, seven seater, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, 2 & 4 wheel drive, big alloys, cd hi-fi, tow bar and twin electric pack, + much more, never taken off road, stunning condition. only £4695, metalic green over silver, very low miles, £4695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, v328ohj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

MATERIA, 08/2008, alloy wheels twin exhaust tinted glass a/con remote c/locking electric windows fog lamps reverse park sensors & much more!!!, dark red mica, delivery miles miles, £11, 495, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

SIRION, SE 5dr, ex07vzf, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 14000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

TERIOS, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, remote central locking, a.b.s, electric windows, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, twin srs airbags, cd radio system, air con, 5 speed gearbox, grey cloth interior, roof spoiler, side opening rear door, large boot, alloy wheels, front and rear fog lamps, full service history. metallic blue and grey, miles, £6795, Westbrook Cars, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

FIAT

FIAT DUCATO, 14 2.8 jtd, 02 2002, 14 seats minibus rohill tri axle 40.000 miles taillift air suspension ex council ideal camper conversion, £6995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

BRAVO 100 SX, 2001 "y", a medium sized car with a 1.6 engine. pas c/lock s/hist very reasonly priced. a 3 month warrenty is offerd on the screen price and we will take your old car in part exchange. a new mot test will be included. blue, 75, 000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

CINQUECENTO, m/1994, manual locking manual windows, red, 74, 000 miles, £1195, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 16v, 1995, red, 72451 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.2 Dynamic 8v, ex05mxc, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, twin air bags, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 28000 miles, £4990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

DUCATO, 30 100bhp Multijet Chiller / Fridge Van, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, side load door, barn doors, dual passenger seat, power steering, abs, air bag, cd player, electric windows, grp lined. gah refrigeration equipmentltel. 01795 430295, white, 45000 miles, £10000, Clearways Commercials, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

GRANDE PUNTO, gl08mxy, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, electric windows, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, tinted glass, trip computer, 10 miles, £7495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

IDEA, 1.4 Eleganza 5dr, gk05xps, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, parking sensor, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, dual climate zones, radio, stereo, 15'' alloys, atlantic grey, 20384 miles, £4999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, Jtd 110 ELX, eu02luh, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, head restraints, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, parking sensor, power steering, abs, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, front fog lamps, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, twin sunroofs, cd player, radio, alloy wheels, metallic red, 68000 miles, £3990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

PANDA, Active 5dr, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, rear spoiler, abs, air bag, power steering, electric front windows, cd player, blue, 4000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 16v Dynamic 5dr Auto, gf05 vkr, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, electric front windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, grey, 26100 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

SEICENTO, Sporting 3dr, 4023314, 14'' alloys, red, 26000 miles, £2495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

STILO, Dynamic 16v 5dr, ea03flz, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, silver metallic, 40000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

ULYSSE, Eleganza Jtd 16v, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, privacy glass, remote central locking, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, lmetallic paintwork, colour coded body, abs, multiple airbags, satellite navigation, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd, 15'' alloys, blue, 26000 miles, £7495, Automatically Ray Morris, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, ck57lze, abs, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, silver, 9000 miles, £11995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

ESCORT, 1.6 LX [AC], 1997, insurance group 7 3 owners central locking front electric windows drivers airbag power steering immobiliser, panther black, 81000 miles, £1489, A 1 Carriages, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA 1.2 ZETEC, 2003 (03), 03 (03) ford fiesta 1.25 zetec finesse, 5 door hatch, stunning metallic blue coachwork with grey cloth trim, service history with recent service, new mot, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, sun roof, air bags, original hi-fi, 2 former keeper, low tax and insurance £4495, metalic blue, 86000 miles, £4495, Riviera Car Sales, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

FIESTA COURIER VAN, 1997 (r), 97 (r) ford fiesta 1.8 courier diesel van, white coachwork with grey cloth trim, recent mot, air bag, roof bars, bargain diesel van at £1695 now only £995, diamond white, 122000 miles, £995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

FUSION, 1.4 TDCi Style 5dr [Climate] (2005 -), 02/07/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 25034 miles, £7200, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GALAXY, 1.9 TD Ghia 5dr [130 PS], 09/07/2004, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser auto climate control electric windows, black, 19908 miles, £10400, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

GRANADA, Ghia Sapphire Auto, 149273, alarm, central locking, locking wheel nuts, full leather, centre armrest, rear armrest, power steering, child locks, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, electric aerial, electric windows, sunroof, uk specification, 15'' alloys, one of only seven remaining in existance. lots of service history. 12 months m.o.t. very reasonable condition for its age but now starting to show signs of wear. some minor bodywork required to bring back to top condition. any enquiries please call alan on 01622 600 456. 'viewing by appointment only', blue over silver, 74500 miles, £2495, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

KA, 2 3dr, 212273, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, radio cassette, m.o.t. until 31st march 2009. some light body work damage. hole in drivers carpet. part exchange to clear. sold as seen with any faults. no warranty given or implied. 'viewing by appointment only', blue metallic, 73200 miles, £995, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

KUGA, 2.0 TDCi Zetec 5dr, gl08pzm, metallic avalon. abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, traction control, contact the used car team for more help. blue, 2500 miles, £18995, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

MAVERICK STATION WAGON, 30/09/2002, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, red, 41600 miles, £4000, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

MONDEO, 2.0TD Zetec 5dr (2000 - 2002), 29/04/2003, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, green, 25805 miles, £5500, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PUMA, 16v 3dr, 6238079, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, cd player, radio, abs, power steering, traction control, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 67500 miles, £4295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

RANGER, Thunder TDCi (LEZ COMP), wl07ahd-, remote central locking, full leather, centre armrest, traction control, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, multi-disc cd player, cd player, tonneau cover, adjustable steering column, parking sensor, power steering, climate control, electric windows, 17'' alloys, 4x4, tel. 01795 430295, black, 11000 miles, £10595, Clearways Commercials, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

S-MAX, 2.0 TDCi Zetec 5dr **LOTS OF EXTRAS**, ad06czy, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, head restraints, folding rear seats, lumbar support, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats. insurance group:11, silver, 10918 miles, £14990, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

STREETKA, 1.6i ICE 2dr Convertible, gl55izv, roadster, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, heated seats, leather seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, sports seats, contact the used car team for more help. silver, 21270 miles, £6995, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx 5dr, 1344649, hyundai amica 1.1 cdx 5dr £5, 395.00, registration ek56wnb sale price £5, 395.00, registered 2006 mileage 6839 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior aqua, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. £5395, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

COUPE, SE, 04, excellent car. tax until e/o feb 09, mot expires 07/09/2009. 3 door coupe special edition, ocean blue, petrol, manual, abs, air conditioning, alarm, alloy wheels, cruise control plus more. 32, 000 miles, full service history. reg sept 04 (54 plate), owned since new. genuine reason for sale. for further details please email keith@keithpestell.co.uk or telephone 01634 263603, ocean blue, £6100, Gillingham Kent, 01634263603 (PRIVATE)

SANTA FE, 2.2 Crtd Cdx+ 5dr Auto [7 Seats], 1531649, hyundai santa fe 2.2 crtd cdx+ 5dr auto [7 seats] automatic body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior black, number of doors 5 interior beige, previous owners 2 interior trim leather, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. car now reduced to £19995, black, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

SONATA, 2.0crtd, 64649, air bag, immobiliser, alarm, central locking, power steering, climate control, electric windows, cd player, alloy wheels, registration gl07nbz sale price £10, 995.00, registered 2007 mileage 6000 miles, transmission manual body style saloon, fuel type diesel exterior crystal silver, number of doors 4 interior black, previous owners 1 interior trim leather, anti-lock brakes (abs), adjustable steering wheel, air bag, alarm, alloy wheels, cd player, central locking, climate control, diesel, electric windows, engine immobiliser, one owner, power steering, full service history, manual transmission, now reduced to £10990, silver, £10995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

TERRACAN, 2.9 Crtd 5dr Auto, 1403649, hyundai terracan 2.9 crtd 5dr auto £8, 990.00, registration kr05myb sale price £8, 990.00, registered 2005 mileage 24000 miles, transmission automatic body style station wagon, fuel type diesel exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 2 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. silver, £8990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

ISUZU

RODEO, Denver Max TD Pu 4x4 Dcb, ve56nla, alarm, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, centre armrest, adjustable steering column, power steering, satellite navigation, abs, air bag, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 3-person rear seat, full leather, 18'' alloys, 4x4, aluminium silver, 15820 miles, £12500, Van Zone Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446528 (TRADE)

TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (t), 99 (t) 4x4 izuzu trooper citation 3.5 v6 lwb auto, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, 2 & 4 wheel drive, alloy wheels, cd hi-fi, tow bar and twin electric pack, + much more, never taken off road, stunning condition. only £4995 now only £3995, metalic green, 93000 miles, £3995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

S TYPE 3.0, 2003 (03), 03 (53) jaguar auto, metallic silver coachwork with grey leather trim, only 42000 miles, full service history, usual jaguar refinements to include: power and memory seats, memory steering wheel position, air conditioning /climate control, electric windows, electric & folding mirrors, cd multiplayer with hi-fi pack, multiple air bags, electronic park brake, on board computor, cruse control, traction control, tinted glass, alloy wheels etc, etc. only £9, 995, metallic silver, £9995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDI SR [7 Seat] Diesel, 2008, insurance group 10 abs air conditioning alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, grey, 14 miles, £12995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

CEED, 1.6 Crdi Ls 5dr [113], registered 2007 mileage 12622 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type diesel exterior black, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, black, £11495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CERATO, 1.5 CRDi LX Diesel, 2005, insurance group 7 abs air con alarm alloys body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, pale blue, 22387 miles, £5995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS, 2.0 LS, delivery mileage, ebony black, miles, £11995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

PICANTO, 1.1 Lx 5dr, 1281649, kia picanto 1.1 lx 5dr £4, 590.00, registration lb55hsv sale price £4, 590.00, registered 2005 mileage 23000 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £4590, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RIO, 1.5 CRDi GS Diesel, 2005, insurance group 4 abs air con body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd clear silver, 30255 miles, £5995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SEDONA, 2.9 CRDi LX 7 seat Diesel, 2003, insurance group 11 abs air con body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electric door mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows heated door mirrors immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cassette remote central locking roof rails beige, 28000 miles, £5995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SPORTAGE, 2.0 Crdi Xs [138] 5dr, sale price £11,995, registered 2006 mileage 13100 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £11995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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GS300, GS 300 SE, 503461, remote alarm, central locking, full leather, electric seats, air bag, abs, power steering, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, climate control, electric windows, electric mirrors, 15'' alloys, blue, 130000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

IS, 200 2.0 SE 4dr, lx54tkv, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, full leather, heated seats, electric seats, electric front windows, electric windows, multi-disc cd player, cd player, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, headlamp wash/wipe, alloy wheels, blue met, 29077 miles, £8999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

IS 300, 3.0 Saloon 4Dr 2997cc auto, 03/2003, climate control cruise control alloy wheels 6 disc cd player electric heated seats traction control & much much more!!!, blue metallic, 64, 000 miles, £9995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, GXi D 5dr, ow52hsl, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, stereo, green, 94000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

5, TS2 D 2.0 110PS 5dr MPV, jan 2006 gl55hyf, two previous keepers, power steering remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, cd autochanger, twin/side/curtain airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, electricdoor mirrors, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, seven seats, alloy wheels. carbon grey metallic, 15, 000 miles, £12, 995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

B-SERIES, Bt50 4x2 Single Cab, 1398649, mazda b-series bt50 4x2 single cab £8, 495.00, registration gj08lzd sale price £8, 495.00, registered 2008 mileage 1000 miles, transmission manual body style pick-up, fuel type diesel exterior white, number of doors 2 interior grey, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options. please ask at dealership for details. demonstrator, £8495+vat, white, £8495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

BONGO, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

MX-5, 2.0i 2dr, 1444649, mazda mx-5 2.0i 2dr £11, 789.00, registration kh06eyl sale price £11, 789.00, registered 2006 mileage 13100 miles, transmission manual body style convertible, fuel type petrol exterior red, number of doors 2 interior black, previous owners 1 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options. please ask at dealership for details. red, £11789, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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APPLICATIONS for cars with adaptations on the Motability Scheme have soared over the last few years.

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Motability operations chief executive, Mike Betts, said: "Making the Motability Scheme more affordable for those who have the greatest mobility requirements is a major achievement.

"As well as better value adaptations, customers will find that a selection of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) are now available with no advance payment.

"This is a key part of a key drive to make the scheme more accessible for those who need adapted or 'drive from' wheelchair cars."

Increased dedicated training for dealers is also available; seminars for car dealers now include helping them manage requests for adaptations as part of everyday transactions.

Mike Betts added: "The Motability Scheme now offers over 84 per cent of all adaptations required by our customers and these are available to order at the same time as choosing a new car.

"One easy process allows customers to receive their new car ready fitted with the required adaptations and there are no additional hold ups to getting on the road."

Further extensive adaptations are available at more affordable rates and manufacturer-fitted adaptations are an option when ordering a new car.

The Motability Scheme enables disabled people and their families to use the Higher Rate Component of the Disability Living Allowance to lease a brand new car.

This payment includes insurance, maintenance and breakdown cover and there are now 280 models available for no further cost and nil advance payment. No credit checks or further medical assessments are required.



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How Motability works



COMPACT: Modern superminis such as the Chevrolet Matiz are a good blend of economy and space and hold their own on the motorway

BUYING and adapting a car for a disabled driver can be expensive.

The Motability Scheme – run by the non-profit making independent organisation Motability – gives disabled people the opportunity to own or lease a car at an affordable price.

The scheme can help with leasing or buying a car if you receive the War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement or the higher rate of the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA).

Even if you don't drive, you can apply for a car as a passenger and propose two other people as your drivers.

Options

You can also apply for a car on behalf of a child aged three or over, who is entitled to the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance.

Several finance options are available:

• Contract hire – you can lease a new car from a Motability Accredited dealer for at least three years. Comprehensive insurance, routine servicing and breakdown assistance are included.

You can apply if you have 12 months or more of your Disability Living Allowance 'award' remaining. If your award is not renewed during the full length of your chosen scheme, your car will need to be returned.

At the end of the period, the car is returned to Motability Operations.

• Hire purchase – enables you to buy the car you want and this can be a new or used car. You are responsible for negotiating the purchase price with the dealer and arranging

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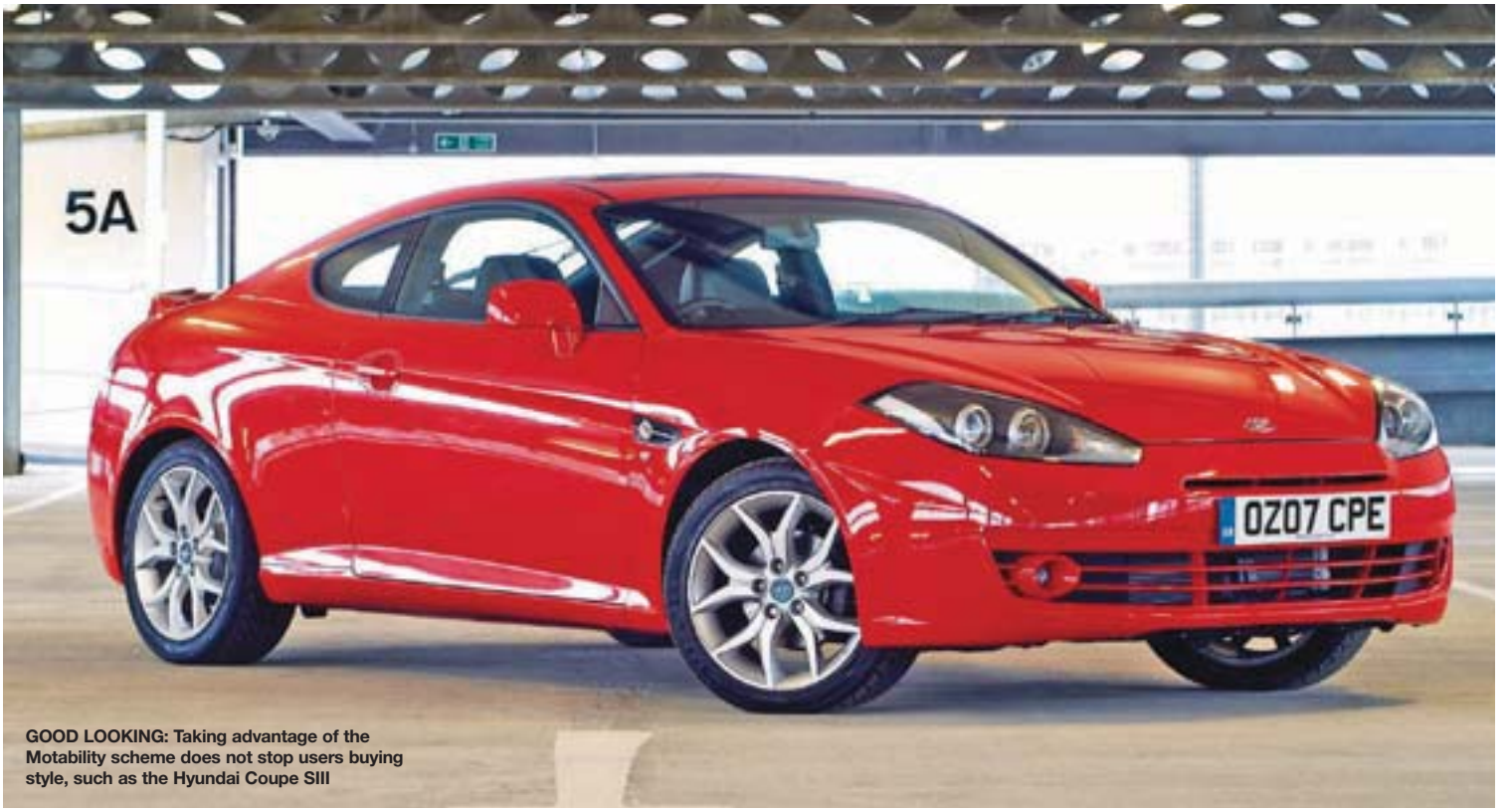
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GOOD LOOKING: Taking advantage of the Motability scheme does not stop users buying style, such as the Hyundai Coupe SIII

insurance. At the end of the hire purchase agreement – which can be between two to five years – you will own the car.

Motability also offers a hire purchase scheme for powered wheelchairs or scooters.

If money is a problem when financing the car or adaptations, Motability may be able to provide a grant through its charitable fund or the Specialised Vehicle Funds, which it administers for the Government.

Disabled people don't have to pay VAT on the cost of a car through the Motability Scheme. The cost of any work involved in adapting a vehicle for a disabled person is also eligible for VAT relief.

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Motability sales only. Subject to availability at participating dealers only on vehicles ordered between 1 July 2008 and 30 September 2008. †Nil Advance Payment is available on Mazda3 1.6 5dr Takara manual or automatic transmission. Includes free metallic paint. Model shown: Mazda3 1.6 5dr Takara. OTR price £13,595 with optional mica paint (£375). On the road prices include VAT, number plates, delivery, 12 months' road fund licence, 1st registration fee, 3 year or 60,000 mile warranty and 3 years' European Roadside Assistance. Details correct at time of going to print.

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Models featured: (1) Hyundai Coupe 1.6 manual at £15,905 OTR in Continental Silver metallic paint at £390 extra. Warranty and offers available on new cars registered between 1 July and 30 September 2008 and purchased through the Motability Scheme.Terms and conditions apply. See www.hyundai.co.uk for further details.

Motability facts

- Motability is the UK's leading car scheme for disabled people. It provides affordable, convenient, trouble-free motoring to nearly half a million disabled customers and their families.
- The scheme is directed and overseen by Motability, a national charity, which also provides financial assistance to customers, who would otherwise be unable to afford the mobility solution they need.
- Motability Operations is the company that operates the car schemes, under contract to Motability. Powered wheelchairs and scooters can also be financed using the Motability Scheme.
- The Scheme is open to anyone who receives the Higher rate Mobility Component of the Disability Living Allowance or War Pensioners' Mobility Supplement; there are no waiting lists, no credit checks or further assessments required when choosing a car on the Motability Scheme.
- The Motability Scheme now includes:

1) an online searchable price list

2) £200 Good Condition Bonus for cars returned in good working order with no loss or damage claims

3) improved after sales service standards from Motability dealers around the UK

4) a simple, secure and speedy e-signature PIN process when collecting a new car.









BEST ALL-ROUNDERS: Family hatchbacks (clockwise) Volkswagen Golf, Seat Ibiza, Mazda 3 and the Skoda Fabia

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Ex petrol cashier in line for top banking award

A MAJOR banking award has put the spotlight on a Kent businessman who has gone from petrol station cashier to international tycoon.

Sinnathamby Rasaiyaah, director of a Brickley-based petrol stations empire, has been nominated for an award highlighting achievements of people who have taken big strides to develop and carry out retail and food ventures across the UK.

Sinnathamby, director of Star Service Centre, has been put up for the accolade which will be judged at the Lloyds TSB Southern Jewel Awards taking place on October 4 at the London Hilton in Park Lane.

The event, now in its sixth year, honours what it considers to be the most talented individuals from across the region's Asian community in the worlds of business, media and public life.

There are now 200,000 Asian businesses across the UK, generating wealth at over three times the national average – and many of these are in London and the South East.

By **TONY PATEY**
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Sinnathamby attended Ceylon Medical College where he qualified as a pharmacist, and when he came to London he worked as a cashier in a petrol station to support his wife, children and six sisters back in Sri Lanka.

But his sheer determination and ambition was noticed by his managing director, who then helped him to start his own business, and in 1984 Star Service Centre was born.

From Sinnathamby's first petrol station in Lewisham, the business expanded to seven more sites in the City and the South East.

The company expanded to Canada, where it has opened numerous sites and offices in Toronto, and he has now also diversified into nursing homes, hotel and property development.

Six awards will be announced on the evening: Professional Excellence; Public Service Excellence; Retail Food and Franchise Excellence; Business and Commerce Excellence, Healthcare and Education Excellence; Entrepreneur Excellence; and the prestigious Future Leaders and Lifetime Achievement Jewel Awards.

Lloyds TSB's title sponsorship of the Jewel Awards is just one aspect of the bank's continuing involvement with the UK's fast-growing Asian population.

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Truett Tate, group executive director, wholesale and international banking, Lloyds TSB, said: "The continued success story of British Asian firms is an inspiration to the wider business community. They are making their mark across fields as diverse as culture, finance, retail and professional services."

The Northern Jewel Awards took place on April 19 and the Central Jewel Awards on June 21.



DETERMINATION: Sinnathamby Rasaiyaah

Jobs go as the credit crunch tightens its grip

ECONOMIC conditions in the South East remain tough, with new business volumes falling and firms continuing to trim jobs, according to August's Purchasing Managers' Index Business Survey Data, produced for the Royal Bank of Scotland by Markit Economics.

Ross Walker, UK economist at the RBS, said: "Stagnating activity, however, represents a better performance than recorded by many other UK regions in August as the downturn in the wider economy gathers pace.

"Despite the recent decline in oil prices, cost inflationary pressures remain strong and are forcing companies to pass on higher charges to consumers, exacerbating already weak demand."

The index signalled ongoing weak business conditions across the region, with activity levels virtually stagnant and new orders, employment and backlogs of work posting further declines. Meanwhile, input and output prices continued to rise at substantial rates.

Private sector firms in the South East reported a further decline in the volume of new orders they received during August. Although modest, the latest reduction was the fourth in successive months.

With incoming new business continuing to fall, activity levels were primarily supported through the fall of existing workloads. Outstanding business contracted for an 18th successive month, and at a substantial pace.

Average input costs at South East private sector firms continued to rise at a substantial rate but firms passed on a portion of their increased costs to customers in the form of higher output prices.

The latest rise in charges was the 37th in consecutive months and the third strongest in the series history.

Employment fell for the second month running during August, as companies made further cutbacks to staffing levels following declining new business volumes and sustained inflationary pressure on their cost structures.

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Pixel Circus, which operates with just a small team in Northdown Road, has some of the biggest names in the world as customers but they're just as excited talking about a local jeweller who has asked for help.

It's the buzz which comes from operating in the fastest-growing areas in multimedia – custom designed digital video and animation, full DVD duplication, blue and green screen capabilities, secure hosting and server facilities with secure off-site back up, you name it.

The company was founded a few years ago by video producer, animator and composer Jonathan Yallop, who has a degree in music technology and who has also worked as a lecturer at a Kent university.

He was joined in 2006 by fellow director Damien Cooke who has management, product design, sales and marketing expertise, and who was working for an estate agency when he met Mr Yallop.

"Jonathan came up with fabulous ideas to show our properties on video and DVD, with 3-D animation and flooring plans, which were breathtaking.

"We commissioned a promotional video – and Jonathan and I decided to move Pixel forward together, joining our technical and marketing expertise."

Now the firm can count contacts such as Reuters, Dorma, Microsoft and Disney – watch the 2-D, 3-D sequence of the Pirates of the Caribbean on the special effects section of their website – as well as a host of local companies.

Mr Yallop said: "We always supply the same quality of work to our local customers as to the national ones – always the same high standard."

They may not yet be up to challenging Pixar, but their 3-D and special effects are putting them on the industry's map.

Brewery in move to save rare hops

By **TONY PATEY**
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FAVERSHAM-based Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewer, has stepped in as a guardian of the nation's hop-growing heritage, preserving the lifeblood of rare varieties more than a century old.

Sheps has put aside an acre of land at its Queen Court Farm, near Faversham, to house part of the National Hop Collection, in collaboration with Dr Peter Darby, the UK's leading hop researcher.

This summer, stringing has been put up which will accommodate rare breeds, some dating from the 19th century.

Over a couple of acres a host of varieties were planted and there was an incredible 96 per cent success rate, in what has been a good hop harvest.

Flavour

Head of production, David Holmes, said: "We have been cultivating the ground and putting in wire this summer.

"This is not about commercial hop-growing; it is about preserving many varieties bred over the years for their strong natural attributes, such as flavour and character.

"A lot of these hops would never have a life commercially but many carry characteristics that can be incorporated into modern varieties. We also hope to use some of these rare breeds to create unique flavours in our microbrews."



HOP PICK: (l-r) Professor Peter Darby from Hop Research and Shepherd Neame's head of production, David Holmes, check the first year's crop ahead of harvest

Britain's collection of historic hops, previously held at Wye College, is now principally in the care of renowned hop farmer and National Hop Association president Tony Redsell at China Farm, Harbledown.

The land at Queen Court Farm provides back-up.

Among top hop varieties are Fuggle, first propagated in Kent in 1875 by Richard Fuggle, East Kent Goldings, first developed in the 1700s and frequently used alongside Fuggle, First Gold, a Golding dwarf cross, and The Target, first bred by HRI-Wye in 1972.

KENT law firms have been highlighted in the 2008 edition of The Legal 500. Among its list of regional heavyweights were Cripps Harries Hall LLP of Tunbridge Wells, and asb law of Maidstone. In the corporate and commercial section were listed Cripps and asb, plus Thomson Snell & Passmore of Tunbridge Wells, Furley Page Solicitors of Canterbury, Vertex Law LLP of Maidstone, Batchelors of Bromley, TG Baynes of Bexleyheath and Orpington, and Warners Solicitors of Sevenoaks.



Don't miss chance to make savings on inheritance tax

THERE'S still time for trustees to grab significant savings on inheritance tax before new legislation comes into force on October 5, says a Kent trust management specialist.

The new rules relate to the Finance Act 2006 which resulted in the most radical change to inheritance taxation of trusts in 30 years. It was only thanks to intense lobbying from professional organisations that the Government was persuaded to make changes.

Initially, the changeover period was due to expire on April 5, but in the last Budget trustees were given a temporary stay of execution and the deadline was deferred until October.

Harvey Barrett, partner of law firm Furley Page, which has offices in Canterbury, Chatham and Whitstable, said: "Trustees have a duty to preserve their trust fund for the benefit of the beneficiaries and be prepared to take whatever steps necessary to ensure that the least amount of tax is payable out of that fund.

"Now is the time – with the approaching deadline – to discuss the possibility with their professional advisers and their beneficiaries of restructuring their trust and creating what are known as transitional serial interests or TSIs – new life interests that have the advantage of being taxed under the old regime."



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Staff concerns over increased workload

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UNCERTAINTY in the workplace and a fear by employees that workloads will rise during the next 12 months has been revealed in new research for Investors in People UK.

It shows that workers are already likely to be feeling the pressure, with more than half – 52 per cent – saying that they have seen an increase in their workload over the last year.

Reflecting predicted tougher business conditions, the research – carried out by YouGov – reveals that 67 per cent of employees in the South East anticipate they'll experience some changes in the workplace over the coming year.

These include increased workload (45 per cent), a new manager (13 per cent), news they may lose their job (13 per cent) or relocation (11 per cent).

Worryingly, 55 per cent of employees say the most common sign of change in their organisation is an increase in meetings happening behind closed doors, or hushed or whispered conversations, which are big demotivators as well as being discourteous.

Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, the Investors in People Centre for the region, said: "To ensure productivity and motivation levels do not suffer in the current climate, it's important that employers actively manage change in the right way.

"With two thirds of the workforce expecting to experience a change in the workplace in the next 12 months, bosses must pay heed to employees' views on how they'd like to be kept informed in times of change.

"The research suggests employers can make all the difference by delivering news of important changes to their staff via a one-to-one meeting, by seeking views and listening to feedback, and by offering support, whatever the changes being implemented.

"This is vital information for managers who are making tough business decisions and need to ensure they take their people with them, to deliver the best results for their employees and the organisation."

Research also found that many employees are concerned about their employer's ability to manage them through periods of change.

Although almost half of staff with a line manager felt confident that their organisation would make the right decision for the future success of the organisation, 40 per cent felt that their organisation wouldn't listen to their views. Almost a third said they wouldn't feel confident they would be informed of change in a timely or appropriate way.

Quality South East is licensed by Investors in People UK to provide IiP assessment and support services. IiP is a prestigious, national standard that helps organisations achieve improved performance and sustained growth through the development of their people.



INFORM: Trish Fraser says managers should take into account how employees want to be kept informed of changes in the workplace

Tourist attractions on the shortlist at awards

TWELVE Kent businesses have been short-listed for awards in the Tourism South East, Tourism Excellence Awards 2008, including the Visit Kent website www.visitkent.co.uk.

They are: Bed and Breakfast/Guest Accommodation; Alkham Court Farmhouse, near Dover and The Gardeners Rest Guest Accommodation, near Deal: Best Tourism Experience; Canterbury Historic River Tours, Canterbury and St Peter's Village Tour, Broadstairs.

Business Tourism; Kent Conference Bureau, Maidstone: Large Hotel; Abode, Canterbury: Large Visitor Attraction; The Historic Dockyard Chatham and Rochester Castle.

Sports Tourism: Bedgebury National Pinetum and Forest, Goudhurst and Joss Bay Surf School, Broadstairs.

Sustainable Tourism: Rose and Crown, near Faversham: Tourism Website; www.visitkent.co.uk

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, chief executive of Visit Kent, said: "It's wonderful to see so many of our tourism businesses being recognised as excellent in this important shortlist. I am particularly thrilled that our own website is among them."

Winners will be announced at a gala dinner and awards ceremony on October 28 at Wentworth Club in Surrey.

Visit Kent is a public/private sector partnership supported by Kent County Council, Medway Council, district and borough councils, Tourism South East and leading private sector tourism businesses in the county.

Search to find Isle's most inviting host

A HUNT is on to discover Thanet people who regularly go out of their way to welcome visitors and residents, and give top-quality service.

Visit Kent, and Thanet District Council are seeking nominations for the Pride in Thanet Awards 2009 recognising outstanding customer service in local tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses.

Posters and nomination postcards are being distributed in shops, restaurants, hotels, guesthouses and visitor attraction throughout Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs and surrounding villages.

The postcards are also available in libraries and local visitor information centres. The winners will be announced at the Winter Gardens, Margate, on March 30 next year.

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Q ***Please tell us something about your background.***

A I started out in finance over 20 years ago working in accountancy before moving to Barclays' sales financing division in 1990, which was then based in Hastings.

At Barclays I spent seven years as an underwriter of debtor and client risk and then 10 years running the international factoring department.

In March this year I joined Ultimate Finance as managing director (South East), setting up its new office in Tunbridge Wells and also establishing an international division there.

Q ***Why is your firm expanding at a time when others are battening down the hatches or contracting?***

A Ultimate had been planning to expand into the South East for some time as the company already had more than 40 clients in the area.

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We are already a member of both the West Kent and the Eastbourne Chambers of Commerce, which will enable us to work closely with local businesses.

The nature of invoice finance means there was no reason for us to change our plans to establish a base here.

It is a flexible product so we are able to support businesses during good times, and bad, and at different points in their growth cycle.

In general the invoice finance sector is thriving at the moment – although the market is tough, invoice financiers are able to be more flexible than the banks and look at the strength of the debtor book rather than the balance sheet.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Ultimate Finance gets personal – it's the way it works. Successfully. The firm, which has just opened a new office in Tunbridge Wells, offers help with factoring and invoice discounting – to help companies with their day-to-day cashflow – as well as debtor protection and payroll services. But it's the way it offers them – customers speak direct to its managers and directors, and each account has a dedicated manager so a close working relationship is built up with each client. Also, it's quick. Unlike a bank and other factoring providers, it doesn't have a long unwieldy chain of communication. Its internet-based funding process makes it more responsive than many of its competitors. KOS Media business editor Tony Patey spoke to Utlimate's managing director for the South East, **Maria Dunne**.

Q ***What were your good, and bad, experiences at Barclays which have contributed to your background in a meaningful way?***

A One of the benefits of working for Barclays was the training that was offered and this has provided a solid background to my career.

However, one of the reasons that I was attracted to Ultimate Finance was that it could be more flexible with SMEs. Rather than applying a 'one size fits all' policy, Ultimate Finance can assess and offer tailored solutions specific to the client's particular needs.

Q ***What skills and abilities would you recommend to young people starting out in finance and banking – in fact, would you recommend them to go another route just now before coming back to that career later when the economy is more stable?***

A I actually think that now is a good time to join the industry. I joined factoring in 1990 at the start of a recession and found that, because it was a challenging period, I learnt about what can go wrong in business and finance. When things are going very well in the economy there are not the same opportunities to learn.

Banking and finance is such a wide-ranging industry that there is something for nearly everyone regardless of previous experience.

However, for a successful career in finance, you need to be interested in finance, be numerate, be a good communicator and have good personal skills. When I'm recruiting I also look for enthusiasm and personal drive.

Q ***What do you do in your spare time?***

A I enjoy challenging myself and am currently studying maths with the Open University.

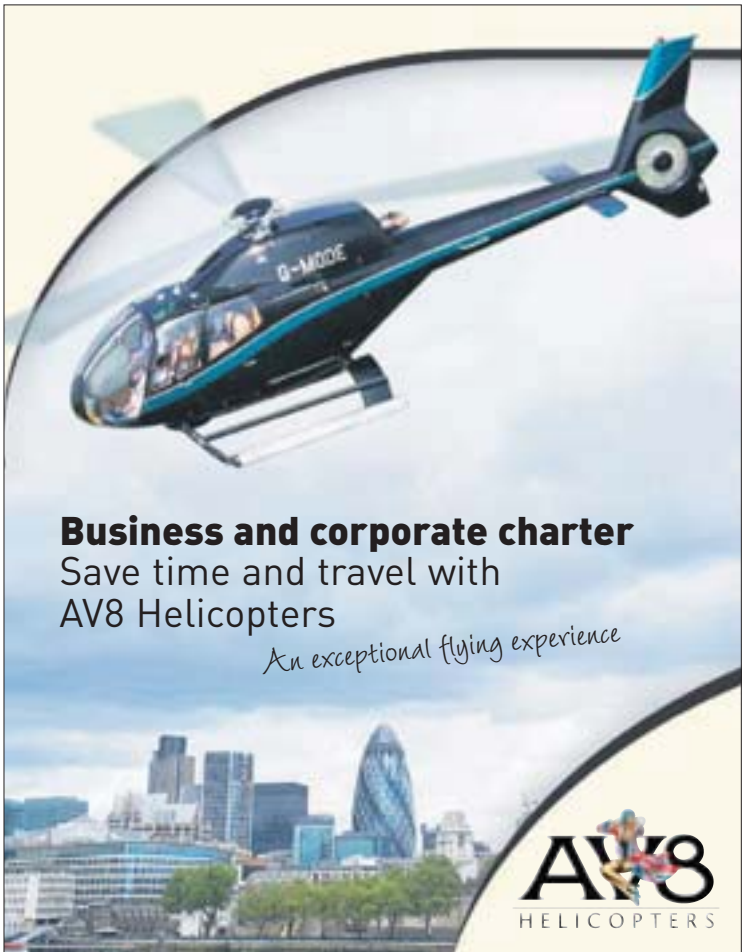
I also enjoy walking, my favourite locations being the Yorkshire Dales and the Scottish Highlands.

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Discretion was the better part of trust for a farm owner

IN THE last of our series, courtesy of Cripps Harries Hall LLP, about Julian from the City who bought some arable land, he now meets his solicitor to work out a future for his children.

To follow the story until now go to our editions of May 18, June 22, July 20 and August 17.

It was dark when Julian left Canary Wharf. He'd just lost his job. Despite his world having changed, he felt curiously light headed following his meeting in the Boot and Flogger with his solicitor from Cripps.

It was just over two years ago since Julian had bid high at the auction sale to buy the farm. Having sold his financial boutique business to the bank for redeemable loan notes, he had continued to develop the business from inside the bank.

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He had encashed sufficient loan notes to buy the farm for cash. Now the rest of the notes were worthless, having gone up in smoke that morning with the overnight announcement that an administrator had been called in.

The burden of his borrowing secured on the loan notes, encashable in six-months time, now fell on his London property. Readers may recall that Julian's plan had been to pass the farm to his children after he had owned it for two years.

Discussions with his solicitor had been whether to proceed with the plan. The solicitor proposed a discretionary trust; the farm values had in fact risen significantly in the two years he had owned it, but it was explained that the farm could be rolled over into the trust avoiding capital gains tax.

As the farm had been owned and run by Julian, through the contract farming arrangement with his neighbour George, he could pass that through to the trust for his children free of inheritance tax (IHT).

Julian was warned there may be a tussle over the farmhouse qualifying for IHT exemption but he decided to take that chance and fight the tax people if that arose.

Julian was excluded from benefitting from the trust. As he was solvent, if he was excluded from benefit then not only did that make it safe for the future from third-party claims, but also it made it effective for IHT.

He took a deep breath and signed the paperwork, banking the farm for the children and securing their future before stepping light headed into Canada Square and an uncertain future.

Tackle rural issues at free workshops

RURAL businesses in the Kent region now have the opportunity to attend a series of free half-day workshops to help them make greater use of sustainable resources, ensure they can adapt to changing circumstances, and are up-to-date with the latest business legislation and market developments.

The programme from Business Link will be taking place at the East Malling Conference Centre, Kent: October 1, Earth, Wind & Fire, profiting from alternative energy; October 8, Business diversification and possible grant opportunities; October 14, Prepare to Meet Thy Planner!; October 29, Moving up the food supply chain, a profit opportunity; November 5, Water, how to harvest and optimise; November 6, Energy crops – Food or fuel?; November 20, How to benefit from the changing climate.

These free workshops are from 9.30-12.30pm and include lunch.

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Local produce to hit the shelves

EIGHTY one new local products will be hitting the shelves in Kent as part of Asda's Local Week Celebrations from September 29 to October 5.

The products will be supplied to the supermarket using the group's exclusive Bank Farm distribution hub, which distributes local produce to stores.

This is part of Asda's commitment to local suppliers which will see 600 new local products hitting Asda stores throughout the UK during Local Week.

The new local suppliers to be introduced in Kent include Kent and Sussex teabags and Hepworths Brewery.

The use of local hubs as one distribution point not only gives smaller suppliers the chance to reach a wider customer base but it also cuts the number of 'food miles' the products travel to reach the Asda stores.

In the past year alone, the use of regional hubs has saved over three million food miles. They're also award winning, having won The Grocer's 'best business initiative' award.

Julia Tweedie, Asda Local Sourcing, said: "We believe that our customers deserve the opportunity to shop local and our exclusive use of hubs means we can provide more local products in an environmentally friendly way."

Asda Kent will be sampling the new local products in store during Local Week and giving customers the chance to find out more about the local ranges on offer with a series of events and displays.

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Movers & Shakers



A NEW person is at the helm of Hewden, the major plant and equipment player, which has locations in Dartford, Belvedere and Ashford.

Doug Sprout, finance director of Finning Group (UK), Hewden's parent company, has taken over the lead management responsibility following the departure of Brian Sherlock.

Mr Sherlock was appointed as director of Hewden in 2005, having joined the business as managing director of Hewden Hire Centres in 2002. Andy Fraser, managing director of Finning, said: "Mr Sherlock made a substantial contribution both to Hewden and to the Finning Group.

"He led the company through the reshaping of the Hewden business, the implementation of a new enterprise resource planning system and leaves a legacy of a strong team."



CHATHAM man Hugh Porter has been appointed as strategy director at infrastructure services company Morgan Est, which has a location in Dartford. Mr Porter, a chartered civil engineer, joins Morgan Est from Carillion where he held a number of strategic and operational roles. He will be responsible for the strategic development, management and strengthening of the Morgan Est brand, including internal and external communications. In his spare time he enjoys walking, cycling, cross-country running and is also interested in gourmet cooking.



By **LIZ RULE**
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Pensions will feel the crunch

RECENT depressing stock market activity will affect many people directly, through job losses and investments dropping in value. But one area it will have hit hard, which may not be apparent for a while, is our pension funds.

Final salary pension schemes, the ones that have historically promised better benefits than personal pensions, have been closing in droves, especially over the last 10 years, and we have seen large companies cease offering these schemes, and instead implement personal pensions.

One of the reasons that companies cannot continue with these schemes is the risk to their balance sheets, as the liability of the pension fund is included in their bottom line.

In July, 2007, the pension schemes for the FTSE 100 companies actually had a surplus of £12 billion as a result of rising share prices and other asset classes, but by July, 2008, this position had swung to be £41 billion in deficit.

This is despite the companies contributing nearly £40 billion to the schemes over the last three years and does not take into account the dramatic recent losses.

It seems that no matter how much money these companies throw at their schemes, market volatility can come and undo their funding overnight.

That is a high-risk strategy for any finance director to cope with, and shareholders are unlikely to support the continuation of such as situation.

A recent survey shows that 35 per cent of companies are aiming to offload their liabilities by buying them out. Until the recent turmoil this may have been financially possible as the schemes may have been in surplus, but it looks as if they will now have missed the boat.

Trustees, like many private investors will have to ride out the storm, but how bad it will be and how long it will last is yet to emerge.

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GROUND-BREAKING: Liberty Property Trust's UK managing director Andrew Blevins (right) would like to see more SMEs based at Kings Hill

Business park that continues to set the standard for others

KENT'S Kings Hill is not so much a development, but a way of life.

Steeped in modern history, it has become the county's flagship business park and community environment.

It's a breathtaking concept – a public/private sector partnership with Kent County Council to create a mixed-use community, with 800 acres of landscaped parkland combining two million sq ft of commercial use, 2,750 homes, educational, retail, community and sports and leisure uses.

Uptake has also been breathtaking – 97 per cent of the the 1.2 million sq ft of commercial use built so far has been let, with the first half of this year being the second best take-up period so far. Builders have put up 1,800 homes and are not easing up because of the economic downturn.

The next phase of commercial use building is due to start on course next year, says Liberty Property Trust UK which oversees the site.

Its marketing and leasing associate director Caroline Bins said: "From our point of view we are full, and we are constantly pump-priming."

The firm is the UK arm of Amercian property giant Liberty Property Trust, and it was through its founder, the legendary real estate developer Willard (Bill) G Rouse III and some leading Kent names from the past that the site got developed.

Brownfield site

Mr Rouse formed Rouse & Associates, which subsequently became Liberty in 1972, around the time that KCC bought the original Kings Hill site – a former World War Two night fighter squadron base – from the Ministry of Defence.

Originally 650 acres, it became 800 after KCC bought Heath Farm, and the then chief executive Tony Hart – another legend here – and a delegation went to Pennsylvania in the late 1980s to talk to Mr Rouse about developing the brownfield site.

Mr Hart saw the business park concept in America and said he wanted similar in Kent – at that time there was very little commercial development in the county and he saw it as a way of generating and promoting the region's economic growth.

A master plan was drawn up and evolved, and is still evolving, and a strong partnership grew up between Mr Rouse, Mr Hart and Alex King, now KCC's deputy leader, until Mr Rouse died in 2003.

UK managing director Andrew Blevins said: "In the next phase of development we want to try and increase the accessibility of the park to a wider business community.

Speed-up

"These parks tend to be attractive to various types of companies, but if you look around our park there are a large number of big buildings which may not be so attractive to the smaller companies.

"We have done very well at attracting some very big companies, but we want to widen that to be also more of a good home for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

"We could be a very good home for more SMEs and start-up companies.

"One of the great things about a business park is that when you get smaller companies on site it is very nice to be able to grow them, and we have great examples of how we have done this with some of our tenants.

"We want to widen our net, widen our marketing story and widen our reach, and that will enable us to speed-up even more the pace of development here – there's no doubt in my mind it's the best in class in the region and by widening out we will develop faster and that has got to be good for jobs and the community."

Mini 'campus'

Many of the park's ideas are pioneering and Mr Blevins is aiming for a medium-sized office mini 'campus' with almost the feel of a number of colleges together, with a smaller block for SMEs perhaps closer to the central area, which would be good news for shops in the retail area.

A hotel, with full top-class services such as conference facilities and so on, is also on the cards. (And, by the way, the first-half take-up was 166,000 sq ft – the best-ever being 180,000 sq ft during the whole of 2006.)

Local management key to making model work

LIBERTY Property Trust UK is a full service, fully integrated property development entity with in-house development project and asset management capabilities and reflects Liberty's business model of decentralised local management supported by its home office in Philadelphia.

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Mixed-use community that caters for everyone's needs

KINGS Hill village has become established as a premium location and one of the UK's first truly mixed-use contemporary communities supported by a balanced mix of employment, sports, leisure, retail, medical and educational facilities set in a landscaped environment.



Residents can walk or cycle to work using the network of footpaths and cycle ways which link the residential and commercial areas and also to Liberty Square, the central retail area.

Homes are arranged in distinctive residential neighbourhoods around focal points such as a village green, cricket ground and golf course and have been built using a mix of traditional and contemporary designs.

There is a range of top quality house builders on site – Antler, Bourne, Crest Nicholson, Environ, Hillreed and Ward – offering the whole spectrum from affordable housing to five-bedroomed executive homes. This helps keeps sales going even through economic slowdowns. None of the developers has stopped building during the recent downturn and they are continuing with quotas.

Kings Hill has dedicated access from the dual carriageway A228 and is around two miles from junction 4 of the M20 with its excellent connections to the M25 and the airports. Kings Hill also offers bus connections to West Malling for Kings Hill station. Ashford International and Ebbsfleet International stations are within a half hour by road

Investment in social infrastructure at Kings Hill is unparalleled elsewhere in the country.

A lot of thought and care has been taken to create an environment which Liberty says "will enrich and enhance the lives of the population allowing a combination of family and business with fitness and lifestyle".

The Kings Hill Community Centre opened at the end of December, 2001, to provide a facility for local residents, organisations and businesses in which meetings, functions and a range of activities can take place.

The building is operated by the parish council. The centre is now in its fifth year of operation.

The University of Greenwich at Kings Hill conference and training centre provides a useful resource for both the business and residential communities, including a 120-seat delegate facility.

Kings Hill also has a fully-equipped doctors' surgery which opened three years ago. The surgery is run by six partners and offers a homeopathy clinic, chiropractic clinic, wart clinic and a travel clinic plus various consultants and three surgeons.

A mobile library service calls to Kings Hill on Wednesday between 10.20-10.50am. In addition, the library at 22 High Street, West Malling, is the nearest full service and offers DVD and CD hire, free internet access for members of the public, and children's events as well as books.



HOLDING COURT: Kings Hill boasts five indoor and five outdoor tennis courts and a David Lloyd centre

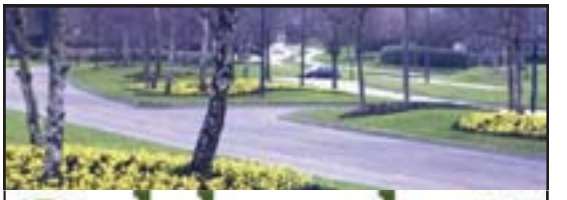
Facilities at the David Lloyd centre include heated indoor and outdoor swimming pools and an extensive gymnasium. It also has five indoor and five outdoor (three floodlit) tennis courts together with squash and badminton facilities offering class racquets facilities all-year-round.

Kings Hill Golf Club opened in 1996. Designed by David Williams, the course is set in more than 200 acres of undulating terrain. The 6,600 yard par 72 golf course has been built to the highest specifications with USGA standard greens and tees.

Nursery on the Hill and Pre-school is a children's day nursery and early learning centre. It was taken over at the end of 2007 and completely refurbished. Children can join from as early as three months old and stay until they are ready to go to primary school. The nursery is open from 8am-6pm.

Kings Hill Pre-School was opened in April, 2007. It offers sessional day care for under-fives and is run as a charity. It is housed in a new, purpose-built extension to Kings Hill Community Centre.

Kings Hill School is a primary school for four to 11-year-olds and opened its doors in September, 1997, while the Discovery school is a primary school for four to 11-year-olds and opened its doors in September, 2003.


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It's another successful year both on and off the course

A GOLF course and its club house are at the centre of social life in Kings Hill.

The course offers a venue for the traditional business round of golf, as well as a purely leisure sporting venue, while the club house offers both business people and residents a chance to unwind.

The 6,600-yard par 72 Kings Hill Golf Club is set in 200 acres of undulating terrain featuring large areas of protected heath and mature woodland.

The light and airy colonial-style clubhouse is a focal point of Kings Hill for both the business and the residential communities.

A good example of its business and leisure role in Kings Hill came when leading commercial property agents from London and the South East competed in this year's Kings Hill Cup golf tournament at the development's 18-hole PGA championship course.

Now in its eighth year, the tournament is an established fixture for the Office Agents Society and was hosted by Kings Hill developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd and the business park's letting agents CB Richard Ellis, Knight Frank and Altus-Edwin Hill.



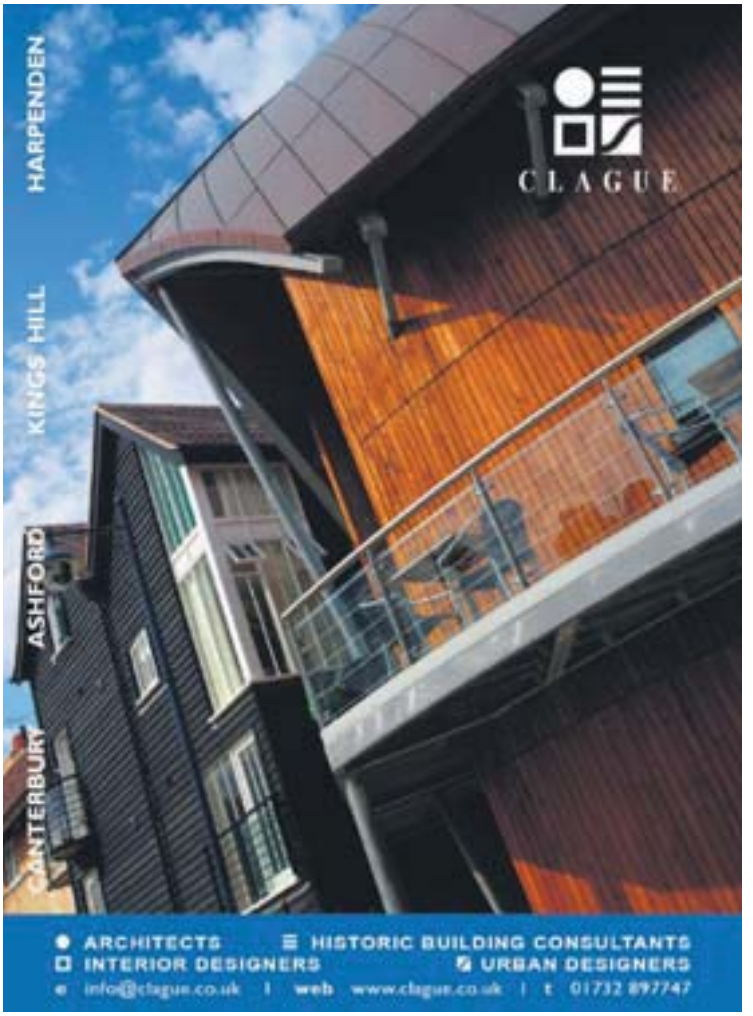
OFF TO TEE: Kings Hill boasts an impressive 18-hole, 6,600 yard par 72 golf course which plays host to the annual Kings Hill Cup tournament

Thirty-four golfers completed nine holes, teeing off simultaneously from the first and 10th.

The winner of the Kings Hill Cup was Sam Kirkaldy from Savills, who also won a magnum of champagne and a club jumper.

The runners-up for the front nine and back nine respectively were Mark Emburey of Colliers CRE and Claus Brewer of Savills who each won a magnum of champagne and a club shirt.

Presenting the prizes Andrew Blevins, managing director of Liberty Property Trust UK – who also took part – said: "We have had an excellent year so far at Kings Hill with around 160,000 sq ft of property transactions in the past six months and we were able to show the agents space currently available and brief them on plans for the future."





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A winning formula is attracting businesses from around the globe

FROM its inception in the late 1980s, the intention of King Hill was to create a mixed-use business community providing an environment for every aspect of life.

It's now considered to be Kent's premier business park and has attracted just short of 900,000 sq ft of commercial occupiers, in more than 100 companies, who employ some 5,000 people.

The attraction of the park has been the range of different office and research and development space, provided at a range of rents, and in different size formats.

This winning formula has attracted a number of businesses formerly based in central London, including Jupiter, and a range of multi-nationals have a presence, including Man, the world's largest hedge fund, and Kimberly-Clark.

A doorstep population of 3,500 people are also offered employment opportunities, and between 10-15 per cent of residents work for businesses based on Kings Hill.

Unusually, the scheme has also attracted a significant amount of interest through bespoke, build-to-suit arrangements, tailoring buildings to meet specific requirements.

Most recently, Rolex Watches has committed to build a new headquarters, which has just started construction.

The developer of Kings Hill, Liberty Property Trust UK, adopts a hands-on approach, meeting regularly with tenants to listen to their views about the park and sharing ideas. They also accommodate a more flexible leasing approach than some UK institutional investors.



STARTER: Knight Frank's Emma Goodford

Knight Frank started work on Kings Hill, as an advisor to the developer, in 1992.

Endorsement

Partner Emma Goodford said: "At that stage it was a windswept airstrip with three rusting hangars and a desolate runway.

"One year later they started building houses and Bill Rouse, who founded Liberty, described it as 'crane city'. It was at a particularly low cycle in the commercial office market and it was fantastic to see builders moving around the site. Within a year we'd attracted our first significant office tenant."

Within six weeks of 50 Kings Hill Avenue being finished in 1996 it had been let to Rhone Poulenc Rorer (RPR).

This was the largest building, built speculatively, on the park at that time. RPR wanted to be based at Gatwick, but when it saw the quality of Kings Hill and its European connections it needed no more convincing.

Rolex has just committed to Kings Hill and started construction on a new 75,000 sq ft headquarters. This brings a significant seal of approval to the park. As one of the worlds leading luxury goods manufacturers it's a great endorsement for Kings Hill.

In the past, Liberty has given mince pies to the occupiers in every building at Christmas. It treats its tenants as real people and this makes a difference, persuading people to stay on the park for longer.

One of the key improvements to Kings Hill in the last 24 months has been the opening of the A228 dual carriageway which now links to the M20 in a few minutes and provides direct access to West Malling for Kings Hill train station. Links to London are therefore excellent.

The masterplan at Kings Hill has a further 1.1 million sq ft of office development remaining, providing huge scope to accommodate future businesses and enable corporate growth in this part of Kent.

Knight Frank, CBRE and Altus Edwin Hill, all act as advisers for the commercial part of the project.

Office space incentives hit the spot

A SPECIAL autumn cash-saving offer is helping start-ups and smaller businesses in Kent beat the economic downturn.

Capital Enterprise Centres (CEC) is offering a 33 per cent rent discount for a year to small businesses moving to the Churchill Square Business Centre at Kings Hill.

Operations director David Clapham says the move has already created a good deal of interest and several businesses are actively considering taking space at the centre.

He said: "Businesses are now looking for immediate cost savings and the offer of high quality office space at a discounted rate is proving very attractive for start-ups and smaller businesses.

"In addition to the reduced cost we also offer businesses the flexibility of taking space on a simple monthly licence.

"In current circumstances many businesses are reluctant to sign up to leases and prefer to rent on a monthly basis.

"They can also save on legal fees as all they have to do is sign the easy-to-understand licence, which has the 'Crystal Mark' clear English endorsement. After signing, businesses can even move in on the same day if they want."

The CEC monthly licence has an all-in-one fee that includes on-site management, maintenance, building insurance, refuse collection, security, water rates and the cleaning of common areas.

An on-site centre manager provides building management services and supervises administrative support, meeting room management, telecommunications and postal services. In addition to office space the centre also offers a comprehensive virtual service for businesses working from home.

The special offer is for all vacant offices at the centre up to 250 sq ft. After the discounted 12 months the licence fee reverts to the normal list price.

Kings Hill proving to be a growing concern for new firms

A CONSTANT theme to be heard on King Hill is that growing businesses find it the ideal spot for expansion.

This was the case with chartered quantity surveying and construction project managing firm MKA Projects, which moved to the park in April, 2007, after outgrowing its old offices in Hadlow.

It decided on Kings Hill because the site was ideally located for existing clients, had excellent transportation links and provided a pleasant and peaceful working environment.

The site had all the facilities of a town centre, but without any of the headaches, such as parking.

Director Aran Brooks had a long history with the site having been involved in the construction or fit-out of six office buildings through his career, so it was a natural choice.

Capital Enterprise Centres made the choice easier by offering quality serviced space on flexible terms.

Jon Seymour, director, said: "Due to the company doubling in size in just 18 months and with further growth planned, we were bursting at the seams in Hadlow and the much larger office meant that we were able to take on even more personnel."

In the 1950s when it was still an RAF base, the County of Kent Squadron was flying mosquitoes out of Kings Hill.

An associate of MKA Projects remembers the time he was based there and spoke fondly of the Startled Saint pub (which no longer exists) and its unusual pub sign which showed a saintly figure, with instead of a halo, a ring of circling aircrafts.

Apparently the pub's name was based on the probable reaction of St Leonard, who lived around the sixth century and who apparently once stayed at West Malling, should he have returned and found the airfield.

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Development gets 'G'reen light to go back to nature

IT'S recognised that we all need a strong dose of 'vitamin G' in our lives – plenty of open space and fresh air, plenty of 'G'reen space around us and plenty of 'G'reen trees to look at instead of courtyards with no room for proper planting.

Now Environ Country Homes has launched Oaks Hamlet at Kings Hill as a development that moves forward standards for bringing more trees and plants into our lives.

It reverses common housebuilding ideas where gardens, such as they are, are added after the properties are complete.

Located on the edge of Kings Hill, next to the forthcoming country park, each home and its green surroundings are designed and developed together as part of the green landscape.

Locally-sourced planting has been planned to avoid creating a suburban style, using, for example, indigenous hedging and hazel on a village green and has been chosen to suit more unpredictable or reduced rainfall and hosepipe bans.

Oaks Hamlet is a natural progression from Environ's award-winning communities, Stonegate in Wye and Lacuna, Kings Hill. It has been designed as a low-density village within a village.

The 61 homes are being built into these natural sections with mellow, textured bricks and tiles, so that residents gain a real sense of place, of being part of a developing environment.

The 'manor house' includes six two-bedroom 1,098 sq ft apartments while some of the larger detached 3,433 sq ft family homes offer five bedrooms with a separate detached studio above a double garage, which can be fitted out as a gym, office or even a distinct apartment.



HOME FROM HOME: Oak Hamlets has been developed to intigrate with its surroundings

There is also a wide variety of three-, four- and five-bedroom homes with a total overall of 22 different home designs, not counting the separate studios.

Security is an important consideration. There is only one entrance to the development between a pair of ragstone gate houses, discouraging unwelcome visitors and creating conditions for a different pace of life for the home zone within, with a real sense of priority for the pedestrian.

For pedestrians there are also lockable private access gates to the country park.

There are vegetable parterres to encourage people to grow their own vegetables, plenty of garden gates and village-style cottage gardens. The parterres are expected to be supplemented by allotments in the 150-acre country park.

Front gardens and general landscaping have been designed by former overall national Green Leaf award winner, Julie Johnson, of Forget-Me-Not Landscape Design.

Her designs include Kentish hop poles used as retainers, picket fences and many trees.

Environ has appointed Grange Management to maintain all communal landscaped areas and ensure that planting is maintained as it should be. Rear gardens are not forgotten and are laid to turf with structural tree planting and feature either decking or genuine sandstone paving.

Buyers have the option to commission individually designed gardens as well, and Environ is producing a maintenance guide to help them.

Prices at Oaks Hamlet start at £335,000 for a two-bedroom 'Manor' apartment and extend up to £995,000 for a five-bedroom 'Sandhurst' house with a detached studio.

'Vitamin G' is being used as a recognised term by a variety of organisations and experts.

More information is available from www.openspace.eca.ac.uk, www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/6/149, www.cleanersaftergreener.gov.uk and www.calvin.st-andrews.ac.uk.

A 17.5 per cent increase in property prices has been recorded for detached houses in the Tonbridge and Malling area in Kent, an area that includes the growing community of Kings Hill.

This increase heads an overall rise for Tonbridge and Malling across all property types of 4.6 per cent in the last quarter and of 4.5 per cent in the last year. Experts say this illustrates starkly the inaccuracies in local areas of general price indicators which last week showed an overall decline of 12 per cent in the market.

The new figures, from the Land Registry of England and Wales, covering the period April-June 2008, show strong house price growth and reflect the anecdotal evidence 'on the ground' from sales offices of the smaller developers.

Some housebuilders are actually raising prices in line with the market in this area.

For example, Hillreed Homes has raised prices by around three per cent at Kings Hill in the last year and it is proving to be an excellent time for purchasers to buy homes.

Liberty Square at the very heart of Kings Hill appeal

PUBLIC art is located throughout the development, and at the heart of the site is Liberty Square retail centre.

The tenant mix reflects the needs of both the residential and business communities, offering a choice of restaurants and everyday conveniences.

Liberty Square comprises approximately 35,000 sq ft of restaurant, retail and medical accommodation arranged in four, two-storey buildings, providing 21 units.

As part of the wider Kings Hill development, it provides a vibrant, new heart to the growing business and residential communities.

It's designed to encourage its own 'café society' appeal and the sense of place is enhanced by its own sculpture.

The mix of retail tenants provides a choice of everyday conveniences for the whole Kings Hill community within walking distance.

Liberty said: "The architectural vocabulary of Liberty Square has emerged from the study of Kentish vernacular and traditional village locations, interpreted in a contemporary way.

"A mix of local materials has been utilized – such as timber, weather boarding, glass, plain tiles, stone and brick."

Pedestrian squares designed around existing mature trees have been created.

The designs of the buildings and the spaces around them have been set out to create a streetscape of a human scale.

Pedestrian green routes and cycleways lead from the surrounding business park and Kings Hill residential villages. It is also designed to be accessible by car and public transport.

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AN OUTSIDE CHANCE: Jason Plato

'Wily old fox' Plato fighting until the last

THE OUTCOME of the 2008 British Touring Car Championship will be decided at Brands Hatch this afternoon with two of the sport's biggest names going head-to-head for the crown.

SEAT's Jason Plato and Vauxhall's Fabrizio Giovanardi are both looking to claim their second titles. However, Englishman Plato has a mountain to climb to secure the title as he is 44 points behind with only 52 available from the meeting, but believes he can do it.

Plato said: "If you look at any top touring car championship around the world it's the guys who have the experience that have been there, done it and who are the ones who consistently flick the switch and deliver the goods. It's very tough for young guys to come in and have our jobs. We're wily old foxes."

Italy's Giovanardi has won seven touring car titles in Europe and realistically needs to finish the three races at Brands Hatch to retain the BTCC crown. He goes into the final round with the added confidence of having won two races in the first meeting of the championship at Brands Hatch in March.

Wrotham-based team Motorbase Performance are hoping to finish with a win to cap off their best season in the series.

The two BMWs, run by David Bartrum and driven by Stephen Kane and Rob Collard, have made great strides throughout the season culminating in two second-placed finishes at Snetterton and Knockhill. The race they want to win more than any other is in front of their home crowd at Brands Hatch.

Bartrum said: "I'd love to get a win at Brands on home soil. That's the Holy Grail for all of us, but everyone will be going out for glory at Brands on the last day of the season."

Parting of the ways leaves Walker with lifetime of memories

By GLENN PEARSON

BEING released after more than 16 years at Kent capped off a pretty rotten week for Matt Walker.

The 34-year-old left-hander started last week with a second XI game against Essex at Beckenham. The game was heavily interrupted due to the inclement weather, but during a break from the rain, and while Walker was on the field, thieves stole his mobile phone, iPod and his car which included a wallet, money and items from his benefit fund.

Later that week he was informed he would not be kept on at Kent, despite 16 seasons of service with the county, leaving him to look elsewhere for another to club to finish his career at.

Walker was then called back into the side for last weekend's Pro40 finale in place of the injured Neil Dexter and Justin Kemp – a game which Kent lost and with it, the title.

After having scored almost 10,000 runs for the county including 28 centuries since making his debut in 1992, the Kent stalwart feels a little aggrieved at not being given the chance to finish his career with the club.

"It was not entirely surprising as I got a feeling it might be that way after the lack of dialogue I have had this season," he said.

"It is just sad to leave a place that you have enjoyed playing cricket for so long.

"I have been extremely lucky to have 16 good seasons with Kent. If I had been offered that on a plate when I started out I would certainly have taken it. In an ideal world I would have like to have finished my career at Kent, but it doesn't always work out the way you want it."

Walker has found the going tough this year after admitting his season didn't get off to the perfect start.

After failing to find form early on, the Gravesend-born batter found his place occupied by South African Justin Kemp and all-rounder Darren Stevens and his opportunities since playing in the County Championship win over Nottinghamshire in May, have been limited.



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

FAREWELL: Walker set to join Essex

"I had a bit of a slow start, but to be honest I have not had too many bad patches in the last four or five years," he said.

"I did struggle at the start, but you always back yourself to come through it and I would like to think if I had been given a run in the side that I would have got some runs.

"With Kempy arriving and the club going through a court case to get him, it always looked like he would play and I would be the one to miss out and I have not really had a chance since then.

"I found it increasingly difficult to get back in the side and when I did I didn't feel part of it.

"It is really hard to come in for a one-off game and over the season things got worse."

Walker points to highlights of playing with stars in world cricket such as Carl Hooper, Steve Waugh, Aravinda De Silva, Rahul Dravid and Andrew Symonds during his time with the county.

Forging friendships with the likes of Australian spin legend Shane Warne and Kent players past and present over the 16 seasons is something Walker will clearly never forget.

"I started playing Kent Schools cricket at the age of eight and played my first second team game at the age of 15. I have been around the club for more than 20 years and felt I was part of the furniture. I have managed to play with, and against, some of the best players in the world. It is very sad to be leaving and will be strange to look at the club's scores next year knowing that I am not part of it."

Winning the Twenty20 Cup last year was a highlight that Walker fondly looks back on from his Kent career, together with a century at Lord's against Middlesex in 2006.

Walker has now agreed a two-year deal with Essex which he hopes will be as successful as his time at Canterbury.

He said: "It is a good opportunity for a change and I want to keep on playing and I am looking forward to it. I am quite excited about playing somewhere different to the environment at Kent that I have been used to."

Shakey's future undecided after failing to land WSC ride



DECISIONS: Shane Byrne

BRITISH Superbike champion-elect Shane 'Shakey' Byrne has revealed how close he was to replacing Troy Bayliss in the World Superbike Championship at Ducati next season.

The Sheppey rider has been at the centre of numerous rumours regarding his future for next season and has been heavily linked as the replacement for Australian rider Bayliss.

Byrne was spotted in the paddock at the World Superbike meeting at Brands Hatch in August, believed to have been negotiating a deal.

At the European round at Donington Park, Byrne believed he was closing in on a move to the series for 2009.

EXCLUSIVE

By TOM HOWARD

Byrne told Kent on Sunday: "To be honest it looked as though the rumours of me going to the works Ducati team in World Superbikes would be coming to fruition.

"At the meeting in Donington it was looking good for me to replace Troy Bayliss, but I think I have missed out on that opportunity."

It appears that Japanese rider Noriyuki Haga is to be named as Bayliss' successor, but the Xerox Ducati team are yet to confirm the move.

This week Byrne's British Superbike team, Airwaves Ducati, announced they will be competing in the British Superbike Championship for a further three years and will run Yamaha machines.

The announcement has only served to increase the speculation that Byrne may leave the team.

He said: "I am not sure where it leaves me to be honest at the moment for next season. My manager is negotiating a deal for next year and we are looking at options.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Airwaves Ducati and unless anything big comes up then I will not be leaving them. We are still listening to offers, but my main focus is to get the title under my belt."

The 32-year-old missed out on securing his second BSB title last weekend with a fourth and fifth place finish at Croft. His lead in the championship has been cut to 92 points, but he has four races over two meetings to clinch the title.

He added: "It was slightly frustrating that I did not get what I need to take the title. I am not going to worry about it too much."

Byrne will be hoping to take the title at Silverstone next weekend.

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Dani hits the highs and lows of a golfer

THE past eight weeks have been the most difficult of my life so far. And, for the first month or so of that time, the most disheartening and annoying as well. There have been so many emotions, but at least, now, I can see the way ahead.

Injury has been at the heart of my troubles, and not just one injury – but three of them. The main injury, though, came when I had to pull out of the Italian Open after the opening round of the tournament on July 17 because of a disc problem in my back.

In addition to that, a combination of the way I was swinging the club to compensate for my back pain had meant I had also developed an ankle complaint. And as if that was not enough, I had a lump in my wrist similar to a ganglion that had necessitated an operation to remove it in my mid-teens.

My immediate thought was that I might be able to get a medical exemption from the remainder of the events on the Ladies European Tour this year, which would mean that I would automatically keep my playing card for next season and could spend the rest of the year sorting out my injuries.

But little did I know that the Tour had brought in a new rule this year which prevented any player who had played 10 events or more from being granted a medical exemption. I have played 12.

I was still asked to apply, however, because they are now thinking of dropping this regulation for next year because of the number of complaints about it they have had. So I did, keeping my fingers crossed, only to be told recently that the Tour have decided to uphold this regulation anyway for this season alone.

Yet, by the time I heard this, it was not so bad a blow as it could have been because thankfully I had begun to see an improvement in my back condition.

Initially, after visiting lots of specialists both for the back injury and my wrist, and having a MRI scan on the back to try to find out what was wrong, I was beginning to worry so much that the exercises and relaxing techniques that I had been told to do were not making any sort of impression. My back was still as painful as ever.

Then, about three weeks ago, a good friend of mine said she had been treated by a specialist based in West Malling who had been fantastic. I was feeling so disheartened by things by then that I went along to see him, and I am so glad I did.

He uses acupuncture and manipulation, and also encouraged me to do Pilates exercises, and within a week or two I could notice a huge difference. Now, I am even looking forward to being able to swing a golf club properly again. – which, a month ago, I could not see myself being able to do.

All I have done since the injury is do a bit of putting and chipping. My golf bag is still where I left it in the house on that day I returned in pain from Italy. But, next week, I plan to do a bit more chipping and putting, and then build up slowly to include some pitching and – hopefully – some full shots in the not too distant future.

My aim, over the next two months, is to get myself in proper shape to play the last three LET events of the season, which are in South Korea, India and Dubai in November and December.

I am currently still 96th in the Tour moneylist, despite others now having played up to seven more tournaments than myself, and I need to get into the top 80 to secure my card for next year.

Obviously, I won't know until the start of those three events exactly how much more money I will need to earn to get back to 80th-place or better, but it is unlikely to be a huge amount and I am confident that – given my back is okay – that I could play my way to a new card.

It has been a horrendous time, especially as I've never been off the golf course for as long as this, but in a strange way I now also feel stronger for the experience. I feel that I will be able to come back with renewed enthusiasm and real passion for the game, and I am already itching to play again. I must take things slowly over the next month or so, because it would be really stupid to hurt my back simply by trying to do too much, but I have a real aim again – a real goal – after so much uncertainty and worry.

My parents and my boyfriend have been incredibly supportive, and I would like to thank them so much for that support. I'm a big believer that everything happens for a reason.

• Maidstone's Danielle Masters, the former Curtis Cup star, is in her third year as a professional on the Ladies European Tour and is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.



BACK STRONGER: Maidstone's Danielle Masters is looking forward to getting back on the golf course after being sidelined with a back injury
Picture: ADY KERRY

Death takes shine off Reeves winning



LOWDOWN: Tim Reeves in action with passenger Farrance

TIM Reeves faces more than just a battle to claim his fourth consecutive World Sidecar Championship this weekend, **writes Tom Howard.**

The sidecar ace is just coming to terms with the loss of close friend and fellow racer, Steve Norbury who died following a high-speed crash at an event in Hockenheim two weeks ago.

Reeves, from Tenterden, had travelled to the event with Isle of Man TT specialist Norbury and admits it has been tough dealing with the tragedy.

He said: "He will be sadly missed by everyone in the sidecar paddock. I only did the race in Germany because Steve was racing and we travelled together.

"It was deeply upsetting that only one of us came back.

"With this sport you know it can be dangerous, but at times you think you are invincible. Then something like this happens."

Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance retained their British F1 Championship last weekend after winning both races of the final round at Snetterton and maintaining their 100 per cent record in the process.

Celebrations were subdued as the pair dedicated their title to Norbury.

Reeves said: "We are both really pleased to have won the title for a second year considering we missed two rounds of the championship. I could not have asked for more by winning every race we competed in."

Reeves and Farrance head to Le Mans this weekend to contest the final round of the World Sidecar Championship and will face a tough challenge to pick up his fourth consecutive crown.

In order to win, the title the pair will have to hope pick up seven more points than championship leader Pekka Paivarinta. If Reeves wins the race, the Finnish racer will have to come home in third or worse for the title.

Reeves added: "I like the circuit and if we can get a repeat of last year's result then I will be champion.

"The title is really in the lap of the gods we have just got to keep fighting for it."

Reserves give boss a reason to smile

GILLINGHAM'S search for a striker continues after triallist Trevor Benjamin was released by the League Two club.

The striker failed to impress manager Mark Stimson and earn a contract despite scoring for Gillingham reserves in a 2-1 defeat against Southampton.

He did not feature in the reserves 3-2 victory at Crystal Palace on Tuesday night and remains a free agent.

However, on Thursday former Watford winger Albert Jarrett signed a one-month loan deal at Priestfield with a view to a possible extension.

The 23-year-old Sierra Leone international has impressed Stimson in the last two reserve outings.

In the opposite direction, defender Sean Clohessy has moved to Blue Square Premier League side Salisbury City on a one-month deal.

Young strikers Andy Pugh and Luis Cumbers grabbed the goals as a youthful reserve side beat Crystal Palace 3-2 in the week, much to the delight of Stimson, who believes the future is bright.

He said: "The reserves put in a great performance. There was a triallist out there, but a number of 16-year-olds played and it was a pleasure to watch.

"What youngsters like Jack Payne and Connor Essam showed was immense.

"There are three or four players who can only get better because of their age."

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KENT SHOCK AS DEXTER WANTS OUT

...and Walker leaves after 16 years at club

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT have been left with a gaping hole in their batting department after Neil Dexter and Matt Walker left the club.

The club announced last week that 34-year-old Walker would be released after having served 16 years with the county and Kent on Sunday can reveal that the Gravesend-born left-hander has tied up a deal to sign for rivals Essex.

While Kent fans will be sad to see Walker leave, after he enjoyed a benefit year with the county this season, Spitfire supporters have reacted angrily on the club's bulletin board to the news Neil Dexter turned down a three-year deal to stay at Canterbury.

Kent on Sunday understands the 24-year-old South African born batsman will head to Middlesex and is due to sign a deal after choosing to move to Lord's ahead of Essex, Worcestershire and Leicestershire.

After joining the club in 2005, Dexter found his opportunities limited, but went into this season in good form after a winter in South Africa.

Kent captain Rob Key said in a press conference at the start of the season, and in his column for Kent on Sunday, that it was a big year for Dexter and that he "looks to have returned an even better player".

However, his opportunities have been few and far between with Kent's management team of Key and coaches Graham Ford and Simon Willis, preferring a settled top-five batting order. Even with a first class average of 45, Dexter has been used sparsely this year, particularly in one-day cricket.

After scoring a thrilling unbeaten 100 in his first limited overs game of the season to help Kent beat Somerset in the Friends Provident Trophy quarter-final, he was loaned to Essex four days later.

Since returning from the loan spell, Dexter had a run in the County Championship due to an injury to Justin Kemp and scored 105 against Yorkshire, 75 against Lancashire and 36 against Hampshire.

However, it is believed his failure to make the Kent side in one-day cricket due to being behind players such as Kemp, Azhar Mahmood, Matt Walker and Darren Stevens that has prompted his decision to move on.





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WAY OUT: Dexter (left) and Walker (right)

Dexter said: "After a lot of deliberation I have made the tough decision to pursue my cricket career elsewhere.

"The last two seasons at Kent have been incredibly frustrating and I feel a fresh start at a new county will give me greater opportunity to establish myself as a first team player in all forms of the game. I would like to thank my team-mates, the supporters and the many friends I've made at the club and I wish Kent every success in the future."

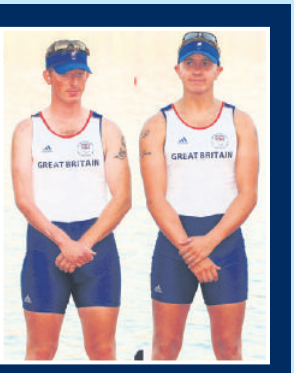
After having their contract proposal rejected, Kent took the decision to not field Dexter in the 70-run defeat to Lancashire, and Wednesday's final game against Durham.

Graham Johnson, Kent's chairman of cricket, said: "We are bitterly disappointed that Neil has decided not to pursue his future career with Kent. We have done a great deal to help him with his development as a cricketer during his time with the club.

"We have offered him a three-year contract that would have provided him with an outstanding opportunity to make the most of his talent. It's a pity that he does not feel able to take advantage of this opportunity."

There has been speculation that Middlesex captain Ed Joyce may be one player that Kent are looking at to help strengthen the middle order, while Sam Northeast could be given a chance to impress in the final game at Canterbury on Wednesday.

• Turn to page 94 for an in-depth interview with Kent stalwart Matt Walker.



ROWERS: McKean with Morgan

McKean is undecided over 2012

PARALYMPIC bronze medallist Alastair McKean is yet to decide whether he will compete at London 2012, despite winning a medal in his first Paralympics, in Beijing.

The Canterbury rower was part of Great Britain's mixed coxed fours who battled their way to a bronze medal at the Shunyi Rowing Park, finishing behind the United States and world champions Italy.

With the next Paralympics in London, 31-year-old McKean will decide whether to commit to another four years of training over the course of the next few weeks.

McKean told Kent on Sunday: "I think it is too soon to say whether I will be competing at London 2012.

"Training for four years is a huge commitment and I will have to think about it over the next three or four weeks. I start a new job next month so I will have to see if it will be possible."

The British crew of McKean, James Morgan, from Deal, Vicki Hansford, Naomi Riches and cox Alan Sherman, failed to qualify automatically for the final after finishing second in their heat.

They earned a place in the six-team final through the repechage and secured bronze, the best result they could have achieved, according to McKean.

"Going into the games we were hoping for silver or gold, but realistically looking at the competition we are happy to bring back the bronze medal," he said. "You could say it was a bit unexpected, but to get a medal after four years of training is a great feeling."

The Beijing Games was McKean's first Paralympic experience and is a sporting memory he will cherish.

He added: "After speaking to some of the more experienced athletes competing, they all said the Games was of a real high quality."

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